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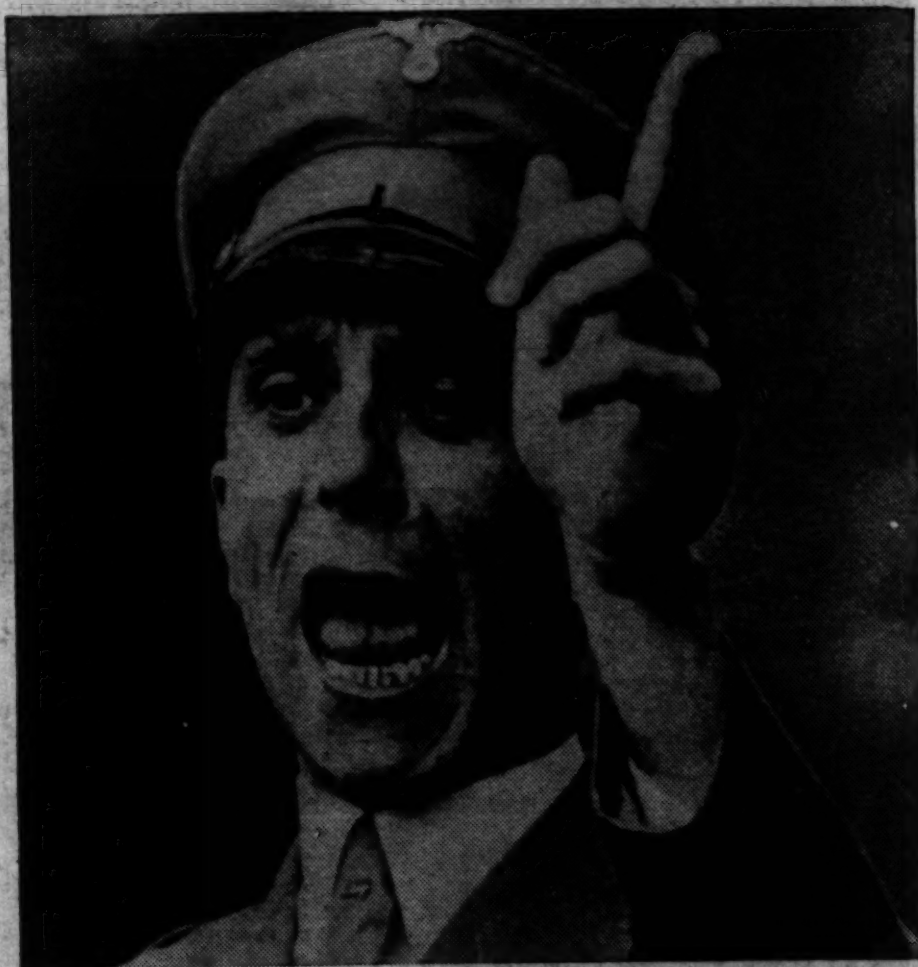
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PLOT TO CORRUPT ARMY CHARGED AT TRIAL OF 29

Hitler-Hoodlum Tactics Obstruct Prosecution



The Face of the Enemy: This face was seen in the halls and court-rooms of Germany when the Nazis slugged their way to power. It is the face of Dr. Paul Josef Goebbels. The 29 men and women on trial in Washington are accused by the government of conspiring with him to Nazify America.

By ART SHIELDS

WASHINGTON, May 17.—In a blistering opening statement to the jury H. John Rogge, special prosecutor in the Nazi plot trial, linked the 29 defendants individually with Hitler's conspiracy against America.

Anti-Semitism was the plotters' chief weapon. And their talk of a Communist "revolution," furnished the "smokescreen" for the fascist conspiracy.

Wild, hoodlum tactics by defense lawyers interrupted Rogge's speech for nearly half an hour at one time.

Reporters had never seen such disorder in a courtroom as a dozen attorneys shouted against Rogge together. Edward James Smythe, Mrs. Lois Washburn and other defendants added their screams to the bedlam.

Justice Eicher had to use force to get order. At his call Deputy Marshall Charles Ward, a huge, muscular man in the plus 200-pound class, sat lawyers down. Mr. Ward had to actually push screaming attorneys like St. George, who represents Joe McWilliams, and Thompson, the counsel for O. Max Schwinn, West Coast Bundist, into their seats.

Once Lawrence Dennis, whom Rogge calls the "Alfred Rosenberg of America" had to be pulled back into his seat to stop a tirade.

Dennis, incidentally, described himself as a greater "expert" on "Nazism" and "Fascism," than Rogge in a short speech in the court later.

Mr. Rogge said the government's evidence would show the defendants were working with Hitler and Goebbels to set up a Fascist regime in America under the leadership of a Fuehrer.

An American general was the Fascists' first choice because, said Mr. Rogge, they wanted to convert the Army to Nazism.

General George Van Horn Moseley, retired, whom they selected, said Mr. Rogge, was at one time in second command of the Army.

"It does appear," said the prosecutor, "that General Moseley did have views which these defendants believed qualified him to be the leader of the movement. They believed that at a time when Moseley was an active general in the United States Army."

Moseley was associated closely with George Deatherage, William Dudley Pelley and James True until 1939.

The report of General Moseley's activities highlighted the prosecutor's discussion of the defendants' alleged propaganda campaign to impair the loyalty of the armed service. The Nazis had learned their lesson from the failure of Hitler in the 1923 putsch, Mr. Rogge pointed out. The putsch failed because the German Army fired on the rebels.

Hitler then decided to win decisive elements in the Reichswehr to his side. And the Nazi plotters here, said Mr. Rogge, set out to win the members of the American armed services by wholesale propaganda.

SNARLING INTERRUPTION

Snarling comments from the defendants constantly interrupted Mr. Rogge.

When the prosecutor said at one time that "the defendants themselves talked in terms of blood baths, the blood flowing in the streets, of hanging people from lamp posts, of pogroms," "silver shirt" Pelley muttered "maybe there will be."

Pelley joined the Nazi movement the day Hitler took power, said Mr. Rogge, and his silver shirts worked hand

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Costello Loses in Cal., Downey Wins

California voters gave their approval Tuesday to President Roosevelt's war policies when they renominated Sen. Sheridan Downey, a strong administration supporter, by a wide margin over a field which included his strongest Republican opponent, almost complete returns showed last night.

Downey, entered in both primaries under the California system of cross-filing, received half as many votes in the Republican primary as Lt. Gov. Frank Houser, bitter foe of FDR, while beating Houser by four to one in the Democratic primary.

COSTELLO LOSES

Rep. John M. Costello, arch reactionary Democratic member of the Dies Committee, was defeated in the Democratic primary in his district. Though ahead in the GOP primary, under California law he cannot run as a Republican having lost the primary election in his own party.

He is the third Die Committee member in two weeks to be eliminated, including Martin Dies himself. His successful opponent was Hal Styles, labor backed radio commentator.

Costello's defeat is a result of united labor action in Los Angeles which nominated Roosevelt sup-

FDR Gets Big GOP Camden Write-in

President Roosevelt received 212 write-in votes in the GOP primary in Camden County, N. J., Tuesday. Gov. Dewey received 741; Gov. Bricker, 13, and Wendell Willkie, 12. FDR's write-in in the Dem. primary was 1,764.

porters in the Democratic primaries in every one of the nine congressional districts in the city. Cecil King, pro-FDR congressman, won in both primaries.

Throughout the state, 36 of the 41 labor-backed candidates for congressional and state office were nominated or elected.

DOWNEY ELECTED

In the Senate race, returns from 10,470 of the state's 14,683 precincts gave these figures: Democratic—Downey, 367,218; Houser, 92,238; Republican—Houser, 218,086; Downey, 88,141.

Other candidates trailed badly, including Jack Tenney, head of California's Little Dies Committee.

One-time stage actress Helen Gahagan Douglas, wife of actor Melvyn Douglas, was assured the Democratic nomination in downtown Los Angeles' 14th congressional district with a 6,000-vote lead over her nearest competitor. She faced a run-off, however, against Republican nominee William D. Campbell, an attorney.

In New Jersey, Rep. Elmer Wene, strong FDR advocate, was unopposed for the Democratic nomination for senator. All Democratic candidates for congress and for convention delegates were pledged to a fourth term for President Roosevelt.

In the Republican primaries, H. Alexander Smith, the organization candidate for Senate, easily won over an insurgent candidate. The regular organization slate of convention delegates, headed by Gov. Walter E. Edge, snowed under the insurgent slate. The Edge delegates are technically unpledged to any presidential candidate while the insurgents on a "pledged to Dewey" platform. Edge, however, has indicated that he is not opposed to Dewey's nomination.

Besides New Jersey and California, Delaware and Montana conventions chose delegates committed to the President, making his total thus far 677, which is 88 more than needed.

California GOP delegates were pledged to their governor, Earl Warren.



SEN. SHERIDAN DOWNEY

Gerald Smith Beckons Dewey

BUFFALO, May 17.—Gov. Dewey "won't have trouble with our people," said Gerald K. Smith, America First chief, at a rally here today. Smith made it clear that the GOP presidential aspirant is the kind of isolationist, anti-United Nations candidate that his pro-fascist followers are banking on.

The Detroit hate-monger proffered his America First vote to Dewey with another blatant demand that Dewey "work out a satisfactory agreement with the Chicago Tribune." This tongue-in-cheek threat to Dewey asked that he renounce even the vote-getting mouthings of "internationalism" he has recently made for an out-and-out alliance with the most outspoken appeasement paper in America.

Parley Hails Hillman Role in Uniting ALP

By DOROTHY LOEB

CHICAGO, May 17.—Following through on their endorsement of President Roosevelt for reelection, delegates at the CIO Amalgamated Clothing Workers convention today adopted a comprehensive resolution on political action to give that endorsement practical effect.

Their declaration not only outlines national and international unity described as the essential framework for victory and enduring peace but refers directly to New York's American Labor Party situation as well.

Hailing the CIO's choice of their own president, Sidney Hillman as political action committee chairman, delegates reviewed the fight under Hillman's leadership to unite all labor and progressive forces in ALP primaries. Their resolution describes the defeat of die-hard forces led by David Dubinsky (without naming Dubinsky) as "an overwhelming victory for the progressive forces" and takes note of further unity efforts made after the primaries to get "beaten opponents" to participate in ALP leadership on a broad, democratic basis.

Effective steps are being taken, the declaration added, to mobilize ALP voters in New York behind the President and other progressive candidates and the Amalgamated pledged intensified support to those efforts.

Hillman described political action as the "most important" issue before the convention and, amid repeated demonstrations, warned:

"We are getting away from the applauding stage and must now go to work." Then he himself provoked a new outburst of applause when he announced California primary results in which all candidates endorsed by PAC won out and Rep. Costello, Dies Committee member, was defeated.

These victories, Hillman said, were made possible because of the cooperation of CIO with AFL and other progressives.

FDR BILL OF RIGHTS

Delegates this afternoon turned their attention to sober consideration of problems of conversion and postwar planning. Noting that cutbacks are beginning to hit war production, they called for enactment of proposals made in the Baruch report, now embodied in the George Murray bill. They urged that this bill be amended to establish machinery to facilitate prompt reemployment of workers displaced through reconversion and providing supplementary unemployment in-

insurance during waiting periods.

Government-owned plants and facilities should be disposed of only if purchasers agree to full utilization of entire production capacities, the convention said further.

A resolution on postwar planning endorses President Roosevelt's economic bill of rights, stressing especially full employment, which, delegates declared, could be achieved through a rise in American purchasing power and widely extended foreign trade.

Letting fly a shaft at Republicans who try to make "free enterprise" an issue in the elections, Dorothy Ballanca, who made the proposals on postwar problems, said the union "rejects as false the contention that economic planning is inconsistent with free enterprise."

The Army, all of whose services wear uniforms made by ACW members, took over the convention late this afternoon in a tribute to the union. A war film was shown and officers complimented the unionists on their production. Dr. Mordecai Johnson, president of Howard university, one of several guest speakers today, brought a message for Negro and white solidarity. Unity of Negro and white is essential for the defeat of economic and political reaction in the South and its tie-up with reaction in the industrial North, he said.

Foremen's Strike Leaders Vote to Call Off Walkout

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Warned by Gen. Henry H. Arnold that their walkout has caused the Army Air Force "the most severe set-back since its inception," officials of the unaffiliated Foreman's Association of America voted to recommend an end of the strike of 3,500 that has already thrown over 75,000 workers into idleness in Detroit.

The strike has tied up or crippled 14 plants in Detroit area, most of them turning out key parts and engines for aircraft.

Arnold and Rear Admiral Ernest M. Pace, chairman of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, appeared at the hearing of the WLB to explain the effect of the strike on war production.

Joker in Rankin GI Bill Aims to Pit Vets Against Labor

By ADAM LAFIN

WASHINGTON, May 17.—An anti-labor sleeper has been quietly inserted in the Rankinized G.I. bill now pending before the House. Rep. John Rankin, of Mississippi, who has scaled down and emasculated the G.I. bill as it passed the Senate, has openly stated that it is his hope to play off veterans against union workers.

And he has slipped in a provision in the meager unemployment compensation features of the bill which would do just that.

Veterans are to be entitled to unemployment compensation as long as they do not turn down "suitable" work.

But Rankin had added that "no work shall be deemed suitable for an individual if as a condition of being employed he would be required to join, or to resign from, or to refrain from joining any labor union or labor organization."

This means that employment in a union or closed shop is not "suitable" work for veterans, and they are encouraged to turn it down.

WOULD AID OPEN SHOP

The amendment is obviously designed to strengthen open shop conditions after the war, and to turn veterans against organized labor.

Labor representatives said they were thoroughly alarmed by the Rankin sleeper, and liberal Congressmen indicated they would move for its elimination.

As Congressmen began to vote today on the Rankinized G.I. bill, CIO Legislative Representative Nathan Gowan sent them a letter protesting against the present form of the measure "as unworthy of the sacrifices of our servicemen and women." He assailed particularly reductions in unemployment compensation benefits and urged a return to the standards of the Senate bill.

Efforts to eliminate Rankin's provision limiting educational opportunities only to those veterans whose schooling was interrupted by the war were unsuccessful.

Rankin was forced to make a change in the bill adopted by a 111 to 89 vote giving greater opportunity to servicemen under 34 than he originally provided for. Most House Republicans voted with Rankin in trying to limit educational opportunities.

Tests on the unemployment compensation features are expected tomorrow or Friday.

Allege Interference in Baptist Missions

ATLANTA, May 17 (UP).—The Southern Baptist convention adopted a resolution today charging Catholic interference in its Latin-American missionary work and stating that new Baptist missionaries had difficulties obtaining passports to Latin America, although transportation and foreign visas were available.

"The strike definitely tells me I can't furnish fighter protection when and where I need it," said Arnold. "Must I then cut down on the number of bombers I send to Germany? If the strike continues it may enable the German air force to gain a respite and perhaps recover at a time when it is reeling under our blow."

Meanwhile, friends of the Axis in Congress lost no time in utilizing the situation. Rep. Paul Safer of Michigan is sponsoring an amendment for the Smith-Cannally Act to prohibit unions of supervisory employees. His colleague, Clare E. Hoffman, delivered a floor attack upon the Department of Justice for not prosecuting the strikes.



REP. JOHN RANKIN

GOP Plans New Price Ruses

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Senators Robert Taft of Ohio, chairman of the Republican Steering Committee, and Kenneth S. Wherry, Republican whip, are assuming leadership in a new drive to emasculate price control by amendments. The Senate Banking and Currency Committee hopes to be ready to report a price control renewal bill late this week or early next week.

And foes of price control are working hard to get the committee to recommend at least some amendments as an entering wedge for further revision on the floor of both House and Senate.

Decision of House Republicans to go easy on subsidies for a while may have meant a change in strategy. But there has been no change in the fundamental hostility of the Republicans to price control.

Taft is a member of the Banking and Currency Subcommittee headed by Robert Wagner of New York which is considering procedural amendments.

The Ohio senator is pushing one amendment to set up an administrative board of review in the Office of Price Administration which would cause delay in issuance of regulations.

Senator George Radcliffe, Maryland Democrat, is backing another amendment virtually to eliminate triple damage suits.

Another subcommittee headed by Senator John Bankhead of Alabama is drafting amendments to raise price margins in textiles which are expected to increase textile prices by about seven and a half percent. In addition, approval of these textile amendments would lead to similar special treatment by milk, oil, livestock and other interests.

While Taft is working inside the committee, Wherry who is not on the Banking and Currency Committee has introduced a whole series of crippling amendments which will probably go further than the committee in crippling OPA.

The Wherry amendments which would weaken OPA enforcement and tie up the agency in legal knots, are being backed by the large farm bloc organizations, the Grange, Farm Bureau Federation, National Council of Farmers' Cooperatives and the National Cooperative Milk Producers Federation.

Josh White and his guitar in entertainment program at public session of C.F. convention, Madison Sq. Garden, May 23, at 7:30 p.m.



Await 'Go' Signal: This small part of the huge Allied invasion fleet, composed of all types of landing craft, is massed somewhere along the British coast. Note the landing barges loaded on larger ship. The Luftwaffe is reported making extensive reconnaissance flights over British ports.

Sosnkowski Change Seen As Maneuver

The Polish-government-in-exile yesterday carried through a transparent maneuver to allay world opinion when its handpicked National Council in London voted unanimously to divest the Polish commander-in-chief, Gen. Kazimierz Sosnkowski, of his political powers.

Sosnkowski, one of the worst Soviet-haters in the government and the man who inspires attacks on the Polish partisans in the underground, was named commander-in-chief last July. He was then also designated successor to his bosom pal, Wladislaw Raczewicz, all-powerful president of the government.

The National Council, upon a Socialist motion, has now retained Sosnkowski as commander but deprives him of his former right to succeed Raczewicz.

This is a victory for the Socialist and other so-called moderates within the government, who also secured an investigation into anti-Semitism in the Polish army.

The unanimous character of the action is a clue to its deceptive purpose. So also are the cheers from inspired circles in London about the "further democratization" of the government-in-exile.

The fact that the so-called moderates maintain their anti-Soviet position was further disclosed Tuesday when premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk charged the Soviet Union was placing obstacles in the way of cooperation between the government's so-called underground and the Red Army.

In new slanders, alleging murders of Polish commanders by the Soviet Union, Mikolajczyk revealed that his highly-touted underground was not cooperating with the Soviet Union at all.

RAF Bombers Hammer Berlin

LONDON, May 17 (UP).—RAF Mosquito bombers, in the 123d British attack on the German capital, hammered Berlin last night with two-ton blockbusters and fire bombs, and today the Paris radio said Allied aircraft carried out two raids on the rail junction of Tourcoing in northern France.

Major operations in the Allies' pre-invasion air offensive apparently were still somewhat curtailed by continental storms for the fourth consecutive day.

Chinese Unity Talks Starting in Chungking

CHUNGKING, May 17.—Hope that the Chungking government may lift the blockade maintained against the Communist-led Border Region in North China was stimulated today by the arrival of Lin Tso-Han, Border Region chairman, in Chungking for conversations with Chiang Kai-shek.



The venerable Communist leader said the preliminary talks in Sian with minor Chungking emissaries "went well." Discussions now with the generalissimo may result in a settlement of the friction which has hindered 18th Route Army operations in occupied North China and has immobilized a million government troops blockading that area.

Another encouraging development yesterday was the departure from Chungking of a group of English and American correspondents to visit the Border Region. The newspapermen took a consignment of medical supplies for the hospitals maintained in the guerilla area by the China Defense League, of which Mme. Sun Yat-sen is chairman.

Their visit will be the first opportunity in the past two years for outsiders to observe the remarkable activities of Communist-led guerilla armies at first hand.

Chinese troops driving from Yunnan across the Burma border, have pushed to within 70 miles of Lashio, shown on the map. Lashio is the southern terminus of the Burma Road.

Chinese 70 Mi. From Lashio

CHUNGKING, May 17 (UP).—Chinese troops have driven from Yunnan Province across the Burma border to within 70 miles of Lashio, southern terminus of the Burma Road, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's high command disclosed tonight.

On the other main Chinese front, in Honan Province, counter-attacking Chinese troops destroyed Japanese communications along a 22-mile stretch of the Peiping-Hankow Railroad, while a heroic garrison still was holding out at Loyang, key stronghold on the Lung-Hai line.

Disclosing the penetration into Burma, a communique announced that a Chinese column at the southern end of the Salween River front, on the China-Burma border, had reached the village of Hupan, southeast of Kunlung, and was continuing to advance.

At the other end of the Salween front, some 140 miles above Kunlung, Chinese forces that drove across the towering Namien Pass captured Chiatou, 33 miles north-northeast of Tengchung, one of the two main Japanese bases in Yunnan.

To the south, other Chinese units were closing a trap on fiercely resisting Japanese troops

Separate Austrian Captives in Britain

LONDON, May 17 (UP).—As a result of the Moscow declaration expressing the desire of the Allies to reestablish an independent Austria, the British government has segregated Austrian from German prisoners, Lord Croft, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of War, told the House of Lords today.

Soviet 'Softening-Up' Raids Blast Nazi Central Front Bases

LONDON, May 17 (UP).—Soviet bombers, carrying a "softening up" aerial campaign against German central front bases through its sixth night, blasted the white Russian capital of Minsk and hit two Ukraine rail junctions last night in a three-pronged raid along a 255-mile air front, Moscow announced tonight.

Three Soviet bombers were lost from the 21st major Soviet operation in 29 nights, and at one of the targets, the rail junction of Chelm, fires visible more than 62 miles were left burning among German railroad cars and military stores. The third target was the rail junction of Baranowicz, 78 miles southwest of Minsk and 177 miles northeast of Chelm.

The daily broadcast Moscow op-

Allies Take All Of Gustav Line; Cassino Isolated

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, May 17 (UP).—Slashing through the last broken Gustav forts, Franco-American forces today reached the Adolf Hitler Line—the enemy's only remaining system of fixed fortifications below the Anzio beachhead—while British troops isolated Cassino except for a thin, shell-torn lifeline.

The conquest of the Gustav Line was accomplished in less than six days of a triumphant offensive in which the Americans and French have now made advances of nearly 12 miles.

(A German communique said that German troops, after offering resistance for six days, were carrying out "disengaging movements according to plan." That is the usual enemy description of a general retreat.)

TAKE 2 PORTS

Maj. Gen. Geoffrey Keyes' American divisions captured the Tyrrhenian port of Scauri and Castellonoro after driving German troops from their protective heights, then struck to the northwest and scaled 4,500-foot Mt. San Michele Arcangelo which marks the end of the Gustav Line and the beginning of the Hitler line at that point.

Another tank-supported American column, advancing along the coastal road from Scauri toward Formia, reached an unidentified town without opposition but was then held up by a barrage from German guns of all calibers. The Americans had now reached a point within three miles of Formia, one of the several harbors connecting with the Hitler line's lateral supply network.

FRENCH CONTINUE GAINS

Six miles north of Mt. San Michele Arcangelo, Gen. Alphonse Juin's French Colonials reached 2,800-foot Mt. D'Oro, overlooking the road junction of Esperia, outpost headquarters of the Hitler Line.

The French also gained access to a road leading around the mountain into Esperia in their overall advance of nearly three miles southwestward from San Giorgio. Another French column, moving westward from Ausonia, captured Monte Chiaivica and nearby heights.

Polish troops, driving through the hills back of Cassino from the east, resumed their attacks at dawn after a three-day stalemate in that sector and were reported making progress against fierce resistance in a bid to link up with the British and complete encirclement of the Nazi stronghold. At latest reports less than two miles separated the two Allied forces.

British Eighth Army spearheads, pushing on through the Liri Valley after capturing Pignataro, four miles southwest of Cassino, joined forces with a French column which crossed into the valley from San Giorgio and the combined force began a powerful attack toward the Hitler line in that sector.

FDR Asks World Drive on Poverty

WASHINGTON, May 17 (UP).—President Roosevelt today denounced "exploitation" of the world's poverty-stricken people and said a worldwide, organized campaign against poverty should be the foundation for all postwar economic deliberations.

Addressing 150 delegates to the recent International Labor Organization Convention, he said the fundamental principle of the ILO declaration of Philadelphia—"poverty anywhere constitutes a danger to prosperity everywhere"—is one that should be recognized throughout the world as a "guide to all of our international economic deliberations."

Then, departing from his prepared text, he told delegates representing 44 countries, "I think you can get somewhere by being against exploitation everywhere." He mentioned poverty he had seen in "Africa, certain parts of the Near East, the north coast of Africa, the eastern end of the Mediterranean."

The delegates gathered in his office to have him witness the signing of the ILO postwar declaration, whose specific terms he endorsed on behalf of the United States. Roosevelt also voiced hope that within a short time the terms will be "wholeheartedly endorsed by all of the United Nations."

He called attainment of worldwide economic security and opportunity "a central aim of national and international policy" and said the ILO's social objectives have been set forth in a form that could be adopted as a treaty by the nations.

"I as personally confident," he said, "that the United Nations are going to have at least one new international organization which will bring the world closer than it has ever been before."

Liberation Near, King Tells Norway

LONDON, May 17 (UP).—King Haakon and Premier Johan Nyaarsdovd, in speeches broadcast to the people of Norway today on the anniversary of their independence, said liberation is near and drastic punishment is being readied for Quislings.

C. P. Convention Climax at Garden Tuesday

New 'Hell Fire' Coughlins Try to Win Detroit's Many Southern Workers

By JOHN MELDON

Second of a Series

DETROIT, May 17.—The Pulpit is a tremendous factor here. It can ultimately become a great force for good or evil. There are two types of preachers in Detroit. There is the honest, poor clergyman who packed up his meager possessions and came North with his Southern congregation, and there is the skilled

pulpit provocateur, the "hell fire" preacher who poisons his newly-arrived Southern congregation with anti-CIO, anti-Roosevelt, anti-Allied sermons. In the main, these poor clergymen and their followers are potentially union material. But at the moment there is a race on between the unions and reactionary industrialists to win them.

To date roughly half a million Southern whites have come to Detroit. Thousands more arrive each month seeking work and the promise of wages they had no hope of ever getting in the feudal economy of the South.

And with this half a million have come about 3,500 southern clergymen. Detroit, as a consequence, has become the pivotal center of a great "Bible Belt" comprising, in the main, Fundamentalist Baptists—the "hell fire" preachers who are not under a disciplined denominational control, and many of whom pander to the backward racial prejudices of the uneducated southern whites who attend their churches.

INDUSTRIALIST BACKING

The bulk of these 3,500 Fundamentalist preachers is dependent upon Detroit's industrialists for help. Many work in the auto plants and preach nights and Sundays. Their establishments range from store fronts to ornate structures, according to their "in" with the industrialists, and union men fear that unless both the "hell fire" working preachers and their southern white followers are won over to organized labor's side, reactionary employers may try to use the anti-union preachers against labor in the immediate postwar period. [Investigators of the disastrous anti-Negro riots here last summer have reason to believe that one of the causes of the riots was the continual racist harangue from some of these Fundamentalist Baptist pulpits prior to the outbreaks.] That some industrialists are carefully grooming these backward clerical elements was seen recently in the arrival of a southern preacher who literally came to town in overalls with not a penny to his name. In a few weeks, he had a congregation of nine members in a little store front church. A few months later he mysteriously acquired a \$35,000 church property and began anti-CIO, anti-Negro sermonizing in a big way.

SENSE THE DANGER

The trade unions, fortunately, are aware of the inherent danger in this clerical setup and are trying, with some success, to win both the congregations and the preachers over.

Biggest and potentially most dangerous of the preachers is one Rev. Frank Norris who threatens to become another Coughlin. Norris has built his church, the Temple Baptist, at 14 and Marguerite Ave. here into "big business" and makes no denial to the charge that he was brought to Detroit by the powerful Joy family of Packard Motor for the purpose of fighting the CIO, particularly the UAW. And while Henry Ford has recently called off his dogs and agreed to work harmoniously with the UAW, it was Ford who financed a round-the-world trip for Norris shortly after he arrived from Fort Worth, Texas.

Norris' church is a huge affair, emblazoned with neon lights which often announce sermons along the lines of "Are the Jews Our Brothers?" He is a past master at the Billy Sunday style of pulpit oratory and his sermons are invariably anti-Soviet and anti-Roosevelt. So great is his influence becoming that the

PULPIT PROVOCATEUR

A packed congregation, with typical southern Holy Roller fervor, sits facing a tall, gaunt preacher. More than 3,000 churchgoers are at the service. The preacher, a sly, calculating gleam in his eyes, is mopping his brow. He is in the middle of a harangue.

Suddenly a hysterical voice from the congregation shouts:

"What are we fightin' Britain's war for?"

Another takes up the cry:

"Who got us into this evil war?"

The preacher holds up his hands in supplication.

city of Detroit set aside the park laws, allowing Norris to hold open air revival meetings, drawing crowds at times of 40,000 people.

GENERAL MOTORS' TOUCH

During the great CIO organizing drive throughout Detroit and Michigan back in 1935-36, a committee of business men, said to be headed by now deceased Philip Breitmeier, a General Motors tycoon, financed Norris to follow in the wake of CIO organizers in key cities all over the state. When a CIO organizer held a mass meeting and made some progress, say in Flint, Norris would get a big press and billboard build-up several days later and then appear on the platform to castigate the "red" CIO. History records the fact, fortunately, that he lost out on his barnstorming tour.

Liberal-minded preachers in Detroit charge that Norris got the land for his church through a donation from General Motors. Meanwhile, another liberal, pro-labor preacher made the charge that a group of his congregation were approached to join the Klan and that Norris' name was used as a come-on.

Other Pulpit Provocateurs doing inestimable damage in Detroit and the Midwest are the notorious "Reverend" G. L. K. Smith, Charles E. Coughlin and the "Cowboy Evangelist," Rev. Harry Springer. Big auto companies, notably Packard, Chrysler and Hudson, have begun allowing the Norris type of Fundamentalist preachers to

hold noon services in the plants. The union, while cooperating, is keeping a wary eye on the tone of the sermons—for good reason.

MAY BOOMERANG

If these southern white clergymen are being consciously used by some of the auto executives with an eye to a postwar knock-down battle against the unions, they may find that the plan has boomerang tendencies. The same trick has been tried in other industries in the past, and while it may succeed for the moment, it eventually fails. The steel industry tried it by importing thousands of southern Negro

and white strikebreakers during the historic 1919 strike. The bulk eventually became good union men. The Chicago meat packers tried it and today some of the leaders of the Packinghouse Workers come from the ranks of those imported workers.

The UAW, like most trade unions, is learning that organization is not confined to the department, the plant or the company. Unionization is a community problem—and it is a safe bet that hundreds of these poor southern clergymen will learn that there are more Christian aims in unionism than in company largess.

News Capsules

A Very Grave Matter

Four gravestones disappeared from a display, a monument company reported to Chicago police. They weighed 1,900 pounds, valued at \$300.

At Bristol, Conn., a minor explosion blew off a rubber gasket on a gas line safety valve at Wallace Barnes Co.'s rolling mill. Five men collapsed as they tried to fit the gasket back. Harold Pryor, a worker, and Ernest Schilke, city policeman died from the effects of the escaping gas.

How polygamous Fundamentalists manage their personal affairs was told by two plural wives

whose husbands are charged by the state with illegal cohabitation. Fifteen husbands await verdicts and possible jail sentences at Salt Lake City, Utah. "If we are treated fairly and put on a par with our sisters, we ask no odds," one woman said. She explained that some husbands maintain rooms of their own and share visits equally with their wives.

Mrs. Sylvia Saunders, 340 W. 87th St., widow of a United States Army corporal, won \$100 damages in court against a store-keeper accused of overcharging her a total of five cents.

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Need FDR Again, Says Iron Union

ST. LOUIS, May 17.—The "Bridge-man," official journal of the AFL's International Association of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Iron Workers, today declared in its current issue that the "welfare of the common folks" is bound up with re-election of President Roosevelt.

"If we have a reactionary administration and a Wall St. president in the White House," says the journal, "the working people will learn about hunger and despair. If Franklin D. Roosevelt is re-elected and if he has the backing of men and women in congress who have vision and a liberal viewpoint, there is real hope that the rights and the welfare of the common folks will be given first consideration."

Correction

A serious typographical error occurred in yesterday's Detroit article "GM Executive Is Man Behind Fascist 'Blue Mothers' Drive." The Paragraph, as it appeared read: "Blue Star Mothers of America in the Industrial Building at Flint, Mich., is ruled and financed by the Chevrolet Motor Company, a GM subsidiary."

The composing room dropped a line in the paragraph, which should have read as follows: "Blue Star Mothers of America in the Industrial Building at Flint, Mich., is ruled and financed by a Capt. George Maines, an executive of the Chevrolet Motor Co., a GM subsidiary."

Hear Earl Browder at public session of 1944 National Convention of the C.P. Madison Square Garden, Tuesday, May 23, at 7:30 p.m.

C.P. Parley Delegates, Guests Total 1,500



DELEGATE — Mrs. Katie Thompson, president of the National Progressive Convention of Missionary Churches, pledged to recruit 100 new members in the C.P. membership drive. She brought in 121 the majority of them, including the two pastors—from the church in which she is an organist. Mrs. Thompson is a delegate to the 1944 National Convention of the C.P. which culminates with a public session at Madison Sq. Garden next Tuesday evening.

Four hundred delegates, representing virtually every state in the Union, and 1,100 invited guests will attend the 1944 convention of the Communist Party of the United States which takes place this week-end in New York.

Opening Saturday morning at the Riverside Plaza, 253 W. 73 St., the convention will hold its closing session at Madison Square Garden Tuesday night with Earl Browder, general secretary of the party, as the chief speaker of the evening.

For three days the delegates will deliberate on the important issues facing the American people and on Tuesday night Browder, as the foremost spokesman of the party, will report to the more than 20,000 progressive-minded New Yorkers who are expected to fill Madison Square Garden to capacity.

Preceding as it does the Democratic and Republican national conventions, the Communist convention deliberations and decisions—particularly as they affect the issue of the forthcoming presidential elections—are expected to arouse national interest.

PLANS FOR 1944

In his speech at the Garden Tuesday night Browder is expected to stress the urgency of national

unity in the 1944 elections and urge maximum support for a fourth term for President Roosevelt on the basis of national unity and as a war measure. He is expected to emphasize the non-partisan approach that the Communists will urge on the issue of the elections.

Browder will analyze recent political developments in the South, the victory of administration supporters in the recent primaries, and the withdrawal of Martin Dies as a candidate for re-election.

The Communist leader will announce the new name to be chosen by the national convention, and outline the organization's tasks and perspectives in the light of present-day developments.

Those who attend the Garden session of the convention Tuesday evening will not only get an opportunity to meet the 400 delegates to the previous convention sessions, but will receive a colorful memento attesting to their presence at the historic Garden session. They will also meet more than two score especially invited Honor Guests to the convention who have been active in the labor movement for 25 years and who are among the founders of the party.

Besides Browder, speakers will include Gilbert Green, secretary of the New York State Communist Party; Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Ben Gold, president of the Fur and Leather Workers International; Bob Thompson, holder of the Distinguished Service Cross; Ella Reeve Bloor, and Arnold Johnson, Ohio district secretary of the C.P.

Co-chairmen of the closing session of the convention at the Garden will be Communist Councilmen Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., and Peter V. Cacchione. They will be presented by William Z. Foster, national chairman of the party.

An entertainment program will feature Josh White, folk singer; Laura Duncan, Jack de Merchant and Bernie Hern.

Tickets ranging from 50 cents to \$2 are available

Slav Parley in Pittsburgh May 28

PITTSBURGH, May 17.—Several hundred American Slav organizations in this area have received a call to send delegates to the first American Slav conference of Western Pennsylvania, to be held Sunday, May 28, at 10 a.m. at the Fort Pitt Hotel.

Labor, Industry Join To Hail Furriers Union

By GEORGE KLEIMAN

ATLANTIC CITY, May 17.—Support of national and international unity today found living expression in the speeches at the 15th biennial convention of the International Fur and Leather Workers in session here.

Among the speakers were Vicente Lombardo Toledano, president of the Latin American Confederation of Labor; Michael Hollander, largest employer of the fur industry; Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union, and Paul Robeson, the great singer and Negro leader.

Stressing the urgency of a "world federation of labor," Lombardo said that the postponed London conference of world labor "will probably take place next September or October when military conditions allow."

WARNS MUST FIND UNITY

"When the war ends," Lombardo told the 400 delegates, "and we are incapable of achieving international labor unity, we will be partly responsible for laying right then and there the foundation for a new international conflict."

Hollander, the first employer to address the union's convention, is

chairman of the War Chest Fund of the War Emergency Board of the fur industry, a joint labor-employer body.

He was introduced by President Ben Gold as a "bitter foe of fascism and a great patriot who has translated into action the urgent necessity for national unity."

HONOR HOLLANDER

The industry leader was presented with a silver plaque by manager Irving Potash of the New York Joint Council in behalf of the entire union.

Earlier Curran expressed the thanks of the seamen for the union's contribution of free labor and other effort for the industry's vast project which has contributed over 75,000 fur vests for the men who "keep 'em sailing."

Robeson was also presented a sterling silver-bound book containing the signatures of all the union officers and delegates.

Robeson expressed particular pride at receiving membership in this union.

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Is PM Carrying the Torch For Dies Against Bridges?

By GEORGE MORRIS

Is PM taking up the cause of Martin Dies and John L. Lewis?

Is PM becoming an organ of strike provocation for Sewell Avery's kind?

Yesterday's story by James

Wechsler, PM's specialist on Dies-like splitting policy, should leave little doubt of the answer.

Wechsler, as always, sees another "split" in the CIO, this time over the strike at Montgomery Ward's Chicago plant that preceded the seizure. Harry Bridges has committed a terrible crime, it seems, in refusing to call sympathy strikes at Ward plants in St. Paul and Baltimore where his Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union holds contracts.

About half of PM's long piece is devoted to "evidence"—quotations from Bridges, from his union's paper and from his international representatives—declaring that the CIO as recently as January reaffirmed the no-strike pledge and their union would hold to it 100 per cent.

For PM the heroes are Samuel Wolchock, president of the United Retail and Wholesale Employees, who PM says is "fighting mad" against Bridges; and a group of Trotskyite advisers who operate in the Chicago local with Wolchock's blessings.

It should be clear here that there is no issue with regard to the just grievances of the workers that led to the controversy. All sections of labor backed them on that. The issue is only whether the no-strike pledge should be broken and whether such action would advance or retard the cause of the workers.

From Wechsler's article, PM's position shapes as follows:

It's all right to strike a mail order house, because, as Avery himself says, it is not a war industry. Bridges should have joined with the Trotskyite provocateurs within the Chicago local to promote a general strike of the 78,000 Montgomery Ward employees scattered in numerous cities from coast to coast.

PROVOCATION

What would happen if PM's (or the Trotskyite) line was applied?

Avery and the whole America First mob back of him would have the first-class strike provocation they have been hoping to develop. The powerful press behind him would have been able to go all-out in a drive to picture labor, not the company, as the lawbreaker.

PM would have the whole country embroiled in labor strife at the moment we strike in Europe and in the midst of an election campaign in which the urgency of national unity is so closely bound up with support for the President.

The Trotskyites, like Avery, have no love for the President. They are equally defeatist and have done, and continued to do all they can to disrupt invasion plans. But PM supports the President and says it supports the invasion! What kind of double-dealing is PM up to?

Just how dangerous PM's game is can be seen from the labor picture in the country when the paper chose to print Wechsler's stuff.

A campaign is under way to pin on labor the blame for a halt in output and shipment of the most vital arms for the offensive.

The effect of this campaign is already reflected in some decisions labor has been getting from the

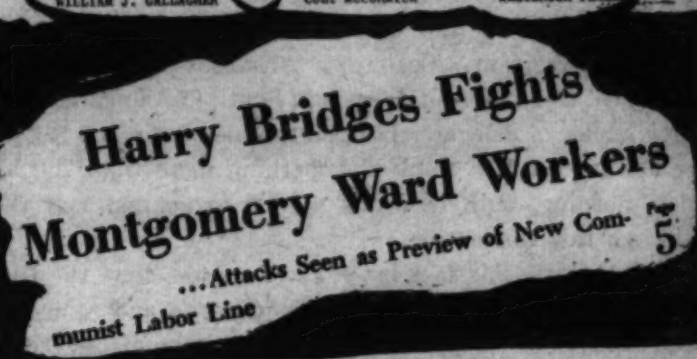


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Above is a leaflet PM mailed to its subscribers as Dies was running off with a "sore throat." This time the "liberal" paper embarks on a campaign to associate Communists with pro-Nazi. Below is PM's front page headline on May 17 over a story by James Wechsler red-baiting, as Dies, against Bridges and trying to find a "split" in the CIO on the Montgomery Ward issue.

CP Leader Comments

CHICAGO, May 17.—Morris Childs, Illinois secretary of the Communist Party, had the following comment on the story in PM by James Wechsler:

"The slanderous attack by Wechsler is practically lifted from a similar article in the New Leader last week. I wonder if this is only an accident? Wechsler's provocative imaginations in no way reflect the attitude of any responsible labor leader in Chicago. They are all pro-Roosevelt, pro-war and back of the no-strike policy of Murray and Hillman."

courts, National Labor Relations Board and the War Labor Board. Whether they aimed to appease the anti-labor pack or represent a turn against labor, they are bad.

How much more such rulings does PM want to invite?

PM's most outrageous duplicity is its attempt to smear President Philip Murray of the CIO. Wechsler writes that Murray was "aggressively putting the heat on CIO unions to support the Chicago strike." This is a barefaced lie, since neither Murray nor the Illinois State CIO Council nor the Chicago CIO Council have endorsed the strike of Wolchock's local. PM would have the world believe that Murray's unequivocal reaffirmation of the no-strike pledge at the steel convention was just poppycock.

All CIO unions in Chicago did join on newspaper ads to urge Montgomery Ward workers to vote for the CIO in the election that followed long after the strike. But neither PM nor anybody else can point to an authoritative endorsement of the strike.

The Chicago labor movement is

united behind the President. In this test of strength in an NLRB election which was essentially between the President and the defeatist crowd, labor, naturally, showed a solid front.

PM, especially its Wechsler, have made it a point to discover every possibility to foster division between CIO leaders—"left" vs. "right"—Murray vs. Hillman, etc. Its readers can well recall how Wechsler joined Dies in picturing Hillman as a "red" and Murray's supposed displeasure with the affairs of the CIO Political Action Committee. Haven't events at the steel and Amalgamated conventions exposed this lying?

PM goes all out for Wolchock, who happens to be the only agent of David Dubinsky in CIO ranks.

Like Dubinsky, Wolchock scrapes the bottom of sewers to find Trotskyites and other like personnel to work under him. But PM is not alone in building up Wolchock. A couple of weeks ago Sewell Avery's most loyal friend, Col. Robert McCormick, gave Wolchock an equal-Tribune and noted particularly that he fights the "reds."

PM embraces Wolchock primarily for the same reason. On the very day that Dies ran off with a "sore throat," PM readers received by mail a leaflet (reproduced on this page) from its subscription manager Harry C. Holden, inviting support because PM counts among its enemies the Daily Worker. It fell upon this "liberal" sheet to revive the discredited Hitlerite "Communist" slander, for PM classed the Daily Worker with Ham Fish, Pegler, Col. McCormick, Nye, Lewis and all the rest who throw a brick at us for every spitball they let go at PM.

How long will PM readers take this stuff in the name of "liberalism"?



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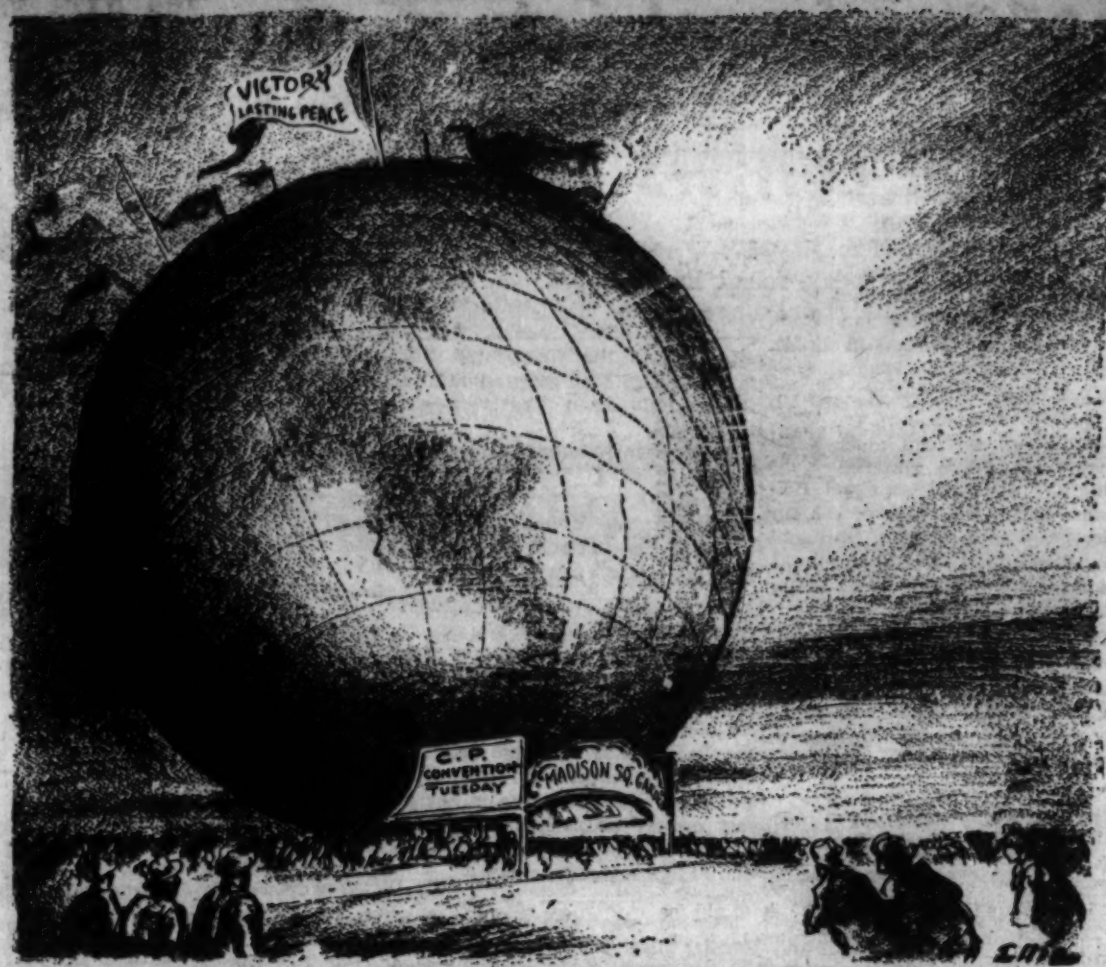
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FDR Draft Grows

WITHIN the past 24 hours the draft-Roosevelt movement has registered tremendous gains.

So strong was this tide that it flooded out a third member of the Dies Committee. Representative John M. Costello was beaten in the Democratic primary in California and that makes him ineligible for any serious contest of the congressional seat in November. He joins Joe Starnes and Dies himself in the political boneyard.

The "for Roosevelt" column grew larger in Tuesday's primaries by 86 more delegates from the big states of California and New Jersey. Delaware and Montana, adding their bit, made the total for the day 104 votes marked for the President. Yesterday Arkansas added 20 and more will come immediately from South Carolina. So that the number of delegates pledged to renominate Mr. Roosevelt has risen to a total of something more than 700 by this morning, with only 589 needed to nominate at the Chicago July convention.

It was on this last busy Tuesday, too, that the CIO Political Action Committee met in Chicago and came out four-square for the fourth term. The Amalgamated Clothing Workers convention in the same city voted its unanimous demand that the President permit himself to be drafted once more, that he return to the White House for the good of the nation. The Fur and Leather Workers at Atlantic City said the same thing enthusiastically. There is hardly a labor gathering now which does not go all-out for the draft-Roosevelt idea.

This is not a partisan movement. It is universal in its appeal. Thousands of businessmen and farmers understand it as well as the working people.

All patriots realize Roosevelt represents those views and acts which serve the nation's welfare, will win the victory and lay the foundations for a lasting peace.

It is now our obligation to make our call for the fourth term so loud and so enthusiastic, embracing so many different groups and states, that the President will realize it is his solemn duty to accept the nomination.

PM Duplicity at New Low

YESTERDAY'S headlined PM attack upon Harry Bridges (see page 5 for story) is a disgusting piece of journalistic doubledealing. Three columns are devoted to denouncing Bridges for refusing to call a strike at Montgomery Ward branches where his union has contracts. The reason for such a general strike, it appears, is that a group of Trotskyites in an influential position in the striking Chicago local of the Retail and Wholesale Employees, wanted it.

There is no war on, as far as PM is concerned. Neither is there a no-strike pledge, nor an impending offensive or an election campaign with Sewell Avery's defeatist backers doing everything in their power to provoke internal strife. All that counts is red-baiting.

Whether PM editors like it or not, their line is perfectly agreeable to Avery who would love nothing better than a general strike so his forces could whip up their labor-baiting and anti-Roosevelt campaign to a white heat. Avery, too, shouts that he is not in war production.

The extent to which PM's red-baiting has gone is well shown in a circular the paper mailed to subscribers. Among the list of pro-Nazi enemies it boasts of, is the Daily Worker. It is this discredited Hitlerite "communazi" slogan that PM has taken up, that blinds it on so many problems.

Yesterday's article, by PM's poison artist James Wechsler, is a classical illustration of where red-baiting leads. It is something for sincere liberals to think about.

If PM really holds to its professed win-the-war line, and supports the President and his policies, then why does it ballyhoo the line of the defeatist Trotskyite and Lewisite disrupters? Why does it employ the Hitlerite and Dies weapon of dividing the people?

PM readers ought to demand an answer. This is not a moment when such duplicity can be allowed to go unchallenged.

— They're Saying in Washington —

Raising Sights on World Trade

by Adam Lapin

WASHINGTON.

I SEE where the United Steelworkers gave Henry Kaiser a real ovation because they liked his bold, imaginative approach to postwar production. Kaiser does not belong to the same school as, say, Alfred P. Sloan of General Motors, who looks for a postwar national income of only 100 billion dollars with a vast army of unemployed to depress wages. Kaiser thinks in big terms.

There are differences among American capitalists on postwar production and income goals. It follows that there should also be differences in outlook on foreign trade and investments. There has so far been perhaps less vision, less farsighted thinking on foreign trade. There hasn't been enough realization of the tremendous importance of foreign markets to maintaining high levels of production.

But both government and business circles here are gradually beginning to raise their sights. The Department of Commerce, which used to have a top figure of \$5,000,000,000 a year for foreign trade and investments now thinks that a total of \$10,000,000,000 is feasible. This is still low, but it represents progress.

Adjustments Are Needed To New World Conditions

The National Planning Association, originally organized by New Dealers, but now in contact with businessmen and government officials of all kinds, has taken the initiative in developing discussion on the problems of foreign trade. It is perhaps symptomatic of the influence of this group that it has been asked to make a survey of postwar markets and possibilities by the aircraft industry.

Two fears have been most frequently expressed by leading capitalists in discussing postwar foreign trade: that the bulk of investments will be in loans to governments rather than private companies or banks and that the rates of interest will be too low.

These fears can be overcome if capitalists are willing to adjust themselves to the facts of new world conditions. Actually the

bulk of private investments overseas during the 20's was to foreign governments.

It is quite true, however, that American investors got 8 or 9 percent in the fabulous 20's. And it is also true that foreign governments are now thinking of making loans at 4 or 5 percent.

But interest rates during the 20's were so high that they were realized only by extreme exploitation of human and material resources. And this in turn led to political explosions, and to wiping out both direct investments and portfolio investments to governments.

The principal feature of foreign trade after this war will be the political security provided by the Teheran agreement. It is likely that our government will help arrange private loans. And there is serious discussion of a world bank to facilitate trade and a federal insurance system for approved investments.

It is argued that this will take the risk out of investments and reduce the return. But there will remain substantially the same relation between foreign and domestic interest rates as there was in the 20's. There has been a sharp decline in domestic interest rates from the 6 percent customary in the boom period.

Progressive Governments Offer Wide Possibilities

Private capital now looks for a modest but secure return rather than a risky high rate. This is seen in the ready flow of capital to projects under FHA in preference to higher yield projects which are uninsured and in the large scale of government-guaranteed V loans to small business.

Foreign investments can be more secure than they have been in the past. They can also be made on a much larger scale. Private investments to Europe in

the late 20's were \$500,000,000 a year. There were then backward governments in the Balkans and in Spain, and a number of countries including France and Holland themselves exported capital.

Now there will be progressive governments in Europe alive to the possibilities of building up their countries. And with the possible exception of Holland, there will be no countries on the continent able to export capital.

Even excluding large exports to the Soviet Union, there is no reason why exports to Europe should not be several times the \$500,000,000 high of the 20's. It is possible that foreign trade with the Soviet Union and Europe may taper off somewhat after reconstruction is completed. But this will be more than compensated by the increasing need of China and Latin America for capital and goods.

The only limiting factor on loans to China will be the rate at which she can absorb capital. It is estimated that investments in China will grow from \$500,000,000 at first to billions every year. Investments in Latin America are expected to increase from \$100,000,000 a year right after the war to at least \$500,000,000 within ten years.

Earl Browder has said that few capitalists "have as yet begun to think about the foreign market in terms of tens of billions of dollars necessary instead of billions." He added that "their present timidity is a passing phase and that you will begin to see them stop talking about three, four, five billions of dollars of foreign markets and talk about 30, 40, 50 billions of dollars per annum." I don't think that has happened yet. But it is true that the capitalists have begun, even if a bit slowly, to expand their horizons in thinking about foreign trade and investments.

Worth Repeating

THE NEW REPUBLIC in its editorial, The Unholy Alliance, in special supplement on congress: This Unholy Alliance (of Republicans and Rankin Democrats) has operated like clockwork to defeat the administration on a number of important bills. This Unholy Alliance has little hope that Mr. Roosevelt will decline to run and that they can put up Senator Byrd, and still less hope of winning with him if they did. Their real ambitions center around Dewey, although even he is too reasonable and too "internationalist," believe it or not, for some of the worst reactionaries. On the Dewey bandwagon are such people as former President Hoover, Frank Gannett, and his fantastically reactionary Committee for Constitutional Government, the powerful, ultra-conservative Pew and the duPonts.

Today's Guest Column

The ILO's Principles On Aid to Colonial Peoples

by Max Yergan

THE 26th session of the International Labor Organization, which concluded its deliberations in Philadelphia last week, must be regarded as another important forward step in the cementing of international solidarity directed toward the achievement of common democratic objectives. This is true despite several shortcomings, the chief of which was the non-participation of representatives of the Soviet Union in the conference.

As was made clear in the much discussed and much distorted Ivestia editorial, the ILO at present is in the anomalous and unhealthy condition of being the only living organ of an otherwise archaic and defunct body, the League of Nations, and it can only do effective work as a United Nations organization. Walter Nash, the New Zealand government delegate and president of the conference, reflected the sentiment of the delegates when he expressed the belief that the ILO would become a United Nations agency and that the Soviet Union would then reaffiliate with it. "The ILO can't work without the Soviet Union," he said.

One of the most important points on the agenda of the conference was the consideration of "Minimum Standards of Social Policy in Dependent Territories"—or what might be better called a charter of economic and social rights for colonial people. This charter, however, concerns not only the peoples of Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and other dependent areas; it concerns America and the world.



For it recognizes the fundamental fact that postwar economic security in our more industrially developed half of the world depends upon increasing production and raising living standards in the colonial peoples' half of the world. Modern productive capacities require world-wide markets. Hence the necessity of international collaboration for the development of an economy of abundance and social progress for all peoples, and especially those lowest down the scale.

THE general principles in the recommendation on Social Policy in Dependent Territories, as approved by the conference last week, urged financial and technical assistance on an international and regional as well as national basis. It proposed this aid in the economic development of dependent territories and parallel action to establish conditions of trade consonant with reasonable living standards and to promote social services in those territories. The principles further declared that the interests and well-being of the dependent peoples must be the primary consideration in all developmental undertakings, and that "all possible steps should be taken effectively to associate the people of the dependent territories in the framing and execution of measures of social progress."

There is only one essential point lacking in these principles, and that is that all developmental programs should be directed toward the achievement of self-government by the colonial peoples. The ILO did not have authority to cross over from economic to political questions, the facts of life notwithstanding.

The importance of the principles outlined above and their practical meaning in relation to specific dependent and semi-dependent areas were ably brought out in Vicente Lombardo Toledano's address to the conference in which he set forth the requirements for integrating Latin American countries into a progressive postwar world by constructive economic developments in the interest of these countries. The Chinese and Indian worker delegates expressed a similar point of view with regard to their countries.

THERE is no provision for delegates from colonial areas to the ILO. The addition of such delegates was one of the recommendations which the Council on African Affairs laid before the conference. But it is important to note that two colonial Africans were present at the conference as advisers to the British and French worker delegates. In their homeland these Africans hold the posts of general secretary of the Nigeria Union of Teachers and secretary general of the Federation of Trade Unions of Native Workers, French West Africa.

Although their advisory status should be elevated to that of full delegates, the presence of these Africans at the ILO conference, like the participation of representatives of the West Indian people in the conference a short time ago of the Anglo-American Caribbean Commission, is a sign of the new times in which we live. Mutual cooperation for mutual benefits is today's watchword. And that, if anything, is what we must mean when we say the age of imperialism is ended.

Views On Labor News

THE labor leader of the year it would appear from last Sunday's New York Times magazine is the "shape-up king," Joseph P. Ryan, \$20,000-per-annum-for-life boss over the International Longshoremen's Association. The "boss of the dock-wallpapers" rated a 2,000-word spread under the by-line of one of the Times' chief feature writers, Meyer Berger.

The piece reads much like the work of a man who is hired to grind out biographic publicity for a political candidate. Berger lays on thick the "slums to president" line and all about how they "just call him Joe" and how Joe and "Maggie," his wife, go to church every morning and how he never gets off anything stronger than "you son of a sea-biscuit."

There are a few small details in Ryan's three-score years that the Times writer didn't bother with. There is a little hint of something when the writer assures us that Ryan "doesn't need his fists any more," and just uses "horse sense." But nothing is said of the days when he did "need" fists; of the reign of thugs that ran through the waterfront as every breath of democracy was being smuffed out of the ILA locals and Ryan was truly becoming boss over them. Nothing is mentioned of the reputation that the New York waterfront received as the "port of missing men."

On July, 1939, when the rank and file



By George Morris

leader Peter Panto disappeared, police said that a dozen such waterfront disappearances were still unsolved. A year and a half later Panto's body was found in a New Jersey lime pit. Last February, John Flaherty, a leader of a small ILA local disappeared. Two months later his body was found in Gowanus Canal. All this peaceful sweetness is under the reign of King Ryan.

THE shape-up king is pictured as extremely valuable in the war effort because longshoremen are a lot of "hard" men who like hard liquor, and it takes a man like Ryan to "keep them in line."

Regarding Ryan's actual feelings on the war effort, the Times writer might have referred to the columns of his own paper to learn how Ryan resisted the government's efforts to introduce a central hiring system so manpower could be utilized fully and most efficiently.

Ryan wants to maintain the outworn "shape-up," so longshoremen will line up early in the morning whether there is or isn't work for them, to be picked or passed by, depending how the hiring boss feels. Where such discriminatory practice prevails there is a base for racketeering. War or no war, Ryan clings to the "shape-up," its wastefulness and injustice.

It is just about ten years ago this month when I saw Ryan take the worst beating of his life. He came to San Francisco to sell out the striking longshoremen there who were

Joseph P. Ryan Is 'Model' Labor Leader for N. Y. Times

determined not to go back to work until the "shape-up" was dead. Ryan pulled all the tricks he knew. The last that West Coast dock workers saw of him was at a strike meeting in Eagles Hall where he was booed off the platform with cat-calls of "sell-out artist" as he ran off. Ever since, his one ambition in life, as he said to Berger, is to "slug it out" with Harry Bridges.

ALL Bridges will probably say to that is: "He and who else?" The CIO Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union has now surpassed Ryan's union in size. Its war record, as Navy and Army leaders have said, is second to none. The improvements it brought for its members rank with the best.

What is perhaps most important, Bridges' union has put the fear into Ryan. The ILA boss has always been haunted by a fear that Bridges may come in and give leadership to the dissatisfied rank and file in the east. This is why he "elected" himself for life. This has also forced him to refrain from Lewis-like monkey business. Ryan minced no words in announcing his support for Lewis. He wants him in the AFL.

Why of all people did the Times pick on a Joe Ryan as a model of a great labor leader? How does this jibe with its frequent editorials favoring "regulation" of labor unions to "protect" the members from unscrupulous leaders? Is the Times' idea of a model union an organization that has monarchs for officials?

Apparently all that counts in the Times office is red-baiting, Bridges-baiting and domination over the membership no matter who does it.

Growing Children

By JEAN WARREN

Recently I consulted with a mother who is having a difficult time with her nine-year-old. The little girl is willful and impertinent. She storms in and out of the house, listens to the radio many hours a day, eats irregularly and orders her mother around like a slave.

Her mother is a progressive and fine woman. She goes out to work and to a number of meetings during the week. She feels she must be at fault and has given her daughter dancing, music, books and treats to try to make her happy. She has learned something about modern psychology and feels "Something must be



bothering Luba; I have hurt her somehow."

The child is intelligent, healthy and animated, but her voice is a whine. She boasts and struts and is always self-conscious and wary.

The relationship between mother and daughter is the cause of the trouble. The child has no respect for her parent and therefore she has not learned self-control and cannot find happiness.

We have learned that a child's cooperation should spring from an inner wish to love and be loved rather than from a harsh repressive force on the outside, but perhaps we do not understand how this inner voice develops.

SOCIAL POTENTIALITIES

The infant child is all concerned with his own needs and pleasures. He has great poten-

tialities toward becoming a social being, but as yet they are undeveloped. He learns to respect other human beings slowly. One of the most important parts of growing up is this lesson of respect for society and its laws. Society's standards and demands are first presented in the authority of mother and father.

How does the child's inner control replace the parents' outer control? This happens by a complex process of identification. If all goes well, the child identifies with society and develops a "conscience" or inner voice which takes over the duty of control.

But Luba's mother, in the situation I described, because of feelings of guilt and because of her wish to be understanding, has never won Luba's respect. She has never given Luba firm guidance, so Luba has failed to learn self-control. The mother

has followed an "appeasement policy" for years. She has been afraid to assert herself and has given in to every whim and aggression. The child suffers deeply because of lack of restraint! Luba does not know the limits of her world, she lacks security and feels restless and wild.

She is angry at her own confusion and takes out her unhappiness in renewed aggression.

What does this child need? She, along with many of our children today, needs to learn to respect people and things. She needs to be trained, certainly with love and understanding, but nevertheless firmly trained to good behavior. We must not be afraid to assert ourselves when need arises, so that the children will have a strong sense of values they can adopt as a base from which to develop their own.

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Rev. White Gives Her Inspiration

New York City

Editor, Daily Worker:

The following was the answer I gave to a friend who asked me, "How do you like the new Daily Worker?"

"In my opinion," I said, "the D. W. was always the best paper, no matter what shape or form it had. And indeed, I feel like repeating these words after having read the Rev. Eliot White's article, 'The Treasure of Smiles,' in the May 7 issue of The Worker.

Where else, tell me if I am wrong, do we find such hearty invitation to human love and brotherhood, as is expressed in this article? Yes, in it, the author and poet invites his readers to join the Communist Party. But what a difference in the campaigning to that of any other 'Party'—so devoid of false promises. So simply he concludes:

So will the tired once find strength anew;
Dear friends, come in and us makes this true!"

PANNY FOX

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ABRAHAM LEVINE.

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Editor, Daily Worker:

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Congratulations, once more, all America loves you for it.

ARTY STONE

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Gandhi Seeks Congress-Moslem League Unity

Cable to Allied Labor News

BOMBAY, May 17.—Following his release on May 6, after 21 months of confinement, Mahatma Gandhi has shown a keen interest in two particular subjects, it is learned from his close associates.

First, he is anxious to improve relations between the National Congress, of which he is leader, and the Moslem League, for the purpose of ending the political deadlock and strengthening India's position against oppression at home and abroad.

Secondly, he is showing a keen interest in the Soviet Union.

On the first point, it is observed that although at present he is carrying on no political discussions and has issued no public statement, he has advised his adherents that as soon as he is stronger he will meet with representatives of the Moslem League to discuss the question of Congress-League unity.

On the second point, it is learned from

the Mahatma's associates that he is greatly impressed by the strength of the Soviet Union, has studied widely about the USSR during his long confinement and has even read Karl Marx's Capital and Emile Burns' Handbook of Marxism from cover to cover.

This interest in the Soviets is also noticed among his close associates, and observers are reminded of the great interest shown by the late Rabindranath Tagore, India's foremost poet, in the Soviet Union.

It is also noted with considerable interest that Gandhi, who received greetings from the Communist Party of India on his release, has expressed a desire to meet with representatives of that party as soon as his health improves.

Gandhi's release has been welcomed all over India with a feeling of relief. His illness was giving concern to all, and medical examination shows he is suffering from dilation of the heart, blood pressure fluctuation and a disturbance in the kidneys. A com-

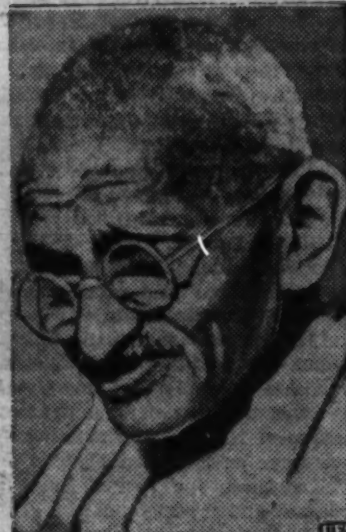
plete rest under strict medical care has been ordered.

Indian nationalists maintain, however, that Gandhi's release cannot by itself lead to a settlement. The government has to take the next step by releasing Jawaharlal Nehru and other Congress Working Committee members.

Gandhi's release has also been widely welcomed in Moslem League circles, some of the most prominent League papers such as Khilafat and Inquilab in Bombay joining in the welcome.

On the other hand, all anti-national groups are quite confused, particularly those who have taken over Congress' name and are advocating anti-defense and the deadlock policy.

Sarojina Naidu, the only other member of the Working Committee out of prison, is attending Gandhi. Naidu has long been advocating Congress-League unity for the country's defense.



MOHANDAS K. GANDHI

South Africa Rallies To End 'Pass System'

This Saturday one of the greatest popular demonstrations in South Africa's history will take place at Gandhi Hall, Johannesburg, when a mass campaign to end the infamous "pass system" comes to a climax.

Though the "pass system" for African women was abolished in 1925, African men are still liable to imprisonment if found without the various passes they are compelled to carry by employers and civil authorities.

Dr. Max Yergan, executive director of the Council on African Affairs, cabled greetings yesterday to Dr. Yusuf Dadoo, who is leading the Anti-Pass Conference, and wished the rally "maximum success as part of the anti-fascist fight and an important contribution for achieving United Nations democratic objectives."

FIGHT GAINS

New impetus was given to the long campaign for the abolition of the pass system, as a result of increased severity in the application of pass laws, and also the suit for 50,000 pounds brought against The Guardian, organ of the South Africa Communist Party.

Four mining companies have claimed that The Guardian has defamed their managements through a recent expose of the miserable working conditions suffered by African mining workers.

Dr. Yergan also cabled Miss Betty Radford, editor of The Guardian, stating: "The council is sending ten pounds for The Guardian's defense, and supports its stand against the mine conditions."

Major Piet Van der Byl, Minister of Native Affairs in the Union of South Africa, likewise received a cable from Dr. Yergan, which, expressing "liberal Negro and white American opinion," urges "immediate steps toward the abolition of the native pass system."

Cubans Beard Aviation Concern

By Wireless to Allied Labor News
HAVANA, May 17.—Male employees of the Cuban Aviation Co., subsidiary of Pan-American Airways, this week decided not to shave or have their hair cut until the company agrees to a 25 percent wage increase and better working conditions. Women employees have resolved not to use cosmetics.

This type of protest was taken by the Air Transport Workers Union, an affiliate of the Confederation of Cuban Workers (CTC), in line with the CTC's program not to impair transport because it would harm the war effort.

The ATWU also seeks recognition of the union-shop principle and equal salaries for equal work as provided in Article 62 of the Cuban Constitution.

British, U.S. Plan Mail To Captives in Japan

LONDON, May 17 (UP).—Agreement has been reached between Britain and the United States whereby supplies and mail for both American and British prisoners of war and internees in Japanese hands may be dispatched by way of Vladivostok, Russia, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden announced in the House of Commons today.

Insurgents in Tammany Quit

Dennis Mahon and John L. Buckley, Tammany district leaders who have been bucking New York County Democratic chief Edward V. Loughlin, yesterday withdrew their petition for a court injunction restraining Loughlin from putting through proposed changes in the setup of the Democratic County executive committee.

Loughlin was set to put through changes at a county committee meeting last Monday night which would increase the number of appointed members of the executive committee and revise district representation.

Mahon and Buckley, who are known as foes of the President and who have been fighting Loughlin because of an alleged tieup with American Labor Party chairman Vito Marcantonio, got a temporary order restraining the Monday meeting from acting. Grounds for the order were that the executive committee had not acted on the proposed changes and resolution.

Loughlin thereupon called an executive committee meeting for Tuesday night and won a complete victory over Mahon and Buckley when the proposed changes were approved by a vote of 18½ to 4 7/12. A fourth term resolution was unanimously adopted, Mahon and Buckley not daring to oppose it.

The Democratic county leader has called the county committee together for next Tuesday to act on the changes approved by the executive committee and on the fourth term.

Tomorrow (Fri.) the county leaders are expected to designate congressional candidates for the new districts. Thus far only A. Clayton Powell, in the new 22d (Harlem) has been approved. There is considerable interest in the Democratic nomination for the new 18th, which includes the old 18th, represented by Martin Kennedy who is anti-FDR, and the old 20th, represented by Vito Marcantonio, strongly pro-FDR.



Snug as a bug in a rug are the Army nurse and soldier in an air ambulance leaving Halloran Hospital, New York, for other hospitals. It is the Army's aim to place its sick and wounded in hospitals in their home state.

Colombia Retains Its Anti-Fascist President

BOGOTA, Columbia, May 17.—President Alfonso Lopez yesterday decided to remain in office, after a six-hour general strike in his support influenced the Columbian national Senate to reject his proffered resignation.

Known as an anti-fascist, President Lopez has the backing of all sections of the population. Reactionary elements in his own Liberal Party have been pushing the president to step down, ever since he went into temporary retirement last November. Main drive against him has been conducted by the Conservative Party, led by Laureano Gomez, former minister to Germany.

The Conservative Party objects to Lopez's pro-United Nations policy, and openly champions Hitler and Franco.

In February, Gomez followers tried unsuccessfully to launch an uprising similar to the coup conducted in Argentina by the Group of United Officers (GOU). They attacked government warehouses and pro-government newspapers.

Support for President Lopez has come from the majority of the Liberal Party, the Federation of Columbian Labor (CTC) and the Communist Party, whose strength in Colombia has grown considerably over the past year.

WHAT'S ON

RATES: What's On notices for the Daily and The Worker are 25¢ per line (6 words to 1 line—3 lines minimum). DEADLINE: Daily at 12 Noon. For Sunday, Wednesday at 4 P.M.

Tomorrow

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REVIEW OF THE WEEK—Kumar Goshal, author of "The People of India," published last week, will discuss and analyze the major events of the week, Jefferson School of Social Science, 575 Sixth Ave. Adm. 50¢.

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'Sleepy Lagoon' Pardons Urged

Latin American labor delegates to the recent International Labor Office conference in Philadelphia have joined in a plea, that Gov. Earl Warren of California pardon the 12 Mexican American boys framed up in the west coast Sleepy Lagoon case.

The telegram, signed by labor leaders from 10 Latin American lands, urged that the victims of last year's "zoot-suit" hysteria be pardoned immediately, the Council for Pan American Democracy revealed yesterday.

The telegram declared that "the atmosphere of anti-Latin American prejudice which surrounded the case and contributed to the so-called 'Zoot Suit' riots in Los Angeles have been exploited by the fifth column in our countries to whoop up 'anti-Yankee' sentiment harmful to the unity of the hemisphere and our common war against fascism."

The delegates also expressed their deep gratitude in a telegram to Carey McWilliams, chairman of the Sleepy Lagoon Defense Committee for its excellent work on behalf of the twelve boys.

Bob Thompson, holder of Distinguished Service Cross, is among speakers at Madison Sq. Garden, Tuesday, May 23, 7:30 p.m.

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Philip Pearl Comes Out in Open Against Polltax Bill

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Philip Pearl, propagandist-in-chief for the most reactionary clique in the AFL, has abandoned the fight for the anti-polltax bill. Although AFL President William Green has repeatedly endorsed the measure, Pearl indicated about a month ago he had little enthusiasm for the fight which was then looming in the Senate.

Today Pearl said openly in his column in the AFL Weekly News Service that the latest attempt to abolish the polltax by legislation was "farfetched" and ought to be given up in favor of a constitutional amendment.

Pearl criticized the effort of polltax foes to get action in the Senate. "As conditions stood, there was not the slightest chance of favorable Senate action on the measure when it was brought up for debate," he said. "Then why was it pushed at this time?"

Echoing the arguments of the polltax senators, Pearl put responsibility for bringing up the bill on the Communists. He said that "the Communists got active in the fight and gave the anti-polltax bill the kiss of death."

Although he gives the polltax and its Senatorial spokesman some cream-puff slaps on the wrist, Pearl's column helps explain one of the reasons that the fight for the measure did not pick up more support in the Senate. It was knifed by officials of the AFL Executive Council who were ostensibly supporting the bill.

Pearl winds up his column with the screw-ball suggestion that Rep. Martin Dies, who was forced to withdraw from the race for reelection despite support by AFL President William Green, begin an immediate investigation of the operation of the polltax.

Correction

Through an unfortunate slip, Sen. Walsh of Massachusetts was mentioned in Tuesday's editorial as having voted against cloture. It should have been Sen. (Arthur) Walsh of New Jersey.

B'KLYN LABOR WELFARE CENTER LAUNCHED

Believed the first in the nation, the Brooklyn Labor Welfare Center was launched yesterday to take care of family and personal welfare problems of 200,000 union members residing and working in Brooklyn.

The project, sponsored jointly by the New York CIO and representatives of Brooklyn welfare agencies was announced at a luncheon at the Hotel St. George yesterday after a three month experiment proved successful.

Social agencies participating in the Center include Catholic Char-

ities, Jewish Family Welfare Society, Brooklyn Bureau of Charities and the Brooklyn Council for Social Planning, an affiliate of New York City's Welfare Council. CIO unions representing social service, transport, shipbuilding, electrical and shoe workers are already involved and several AFL unions are interested.

URGES PERMANENCY

The Rev. Emmet J. McDonald of Catholic Charities, chairman of the union and agency committee which planned the project, told the meeting:

"The launching of this project indicates the degree to which joint cooperation of family agencies, medical social work and labor can help the community. The project, part of a growing movement throughout the country, will increase the efficiency of Brooklyn workers by helping to solve their problems. It should be permanent."

The center will operate by voluntary contributions from social agencies. Miss Nathalie Linderholm, representing the Greater New York Fund, told of her organization's interest in the work.

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The history of baseball is dotted with no-hitters, but the men who tossed them are legend, among the greatest hurlers the game has ever known. There's Nap Rucker and Chief Bender, the old Athletic Indian. Eddie Cicotte of the White Sox and Cy Young. Smoky Joe Woods of the Red Sox and the Big Train, Walter Johnson. Red faced Dazzy Vance of the old Robins and the immortal Christy Mathewson. And in more recent years such aces as Carl Hubbell, Johnny Vander Meer and Bobby Feller.

In this hallowed company where do upstarts like Tobin and Shoun come off?

The fact of the matter is that although the majority of no-hitters have been tossed by true greats, it doesn't take genius to throw one of the games.

I suppose there are a combination of factors involved in pitching a no-hitter, not the least of which is plain luck. Without luck the best of games will be tossed to the winds. Take Bucky Walters' one-hitter of Sunday, the game that preceded teammate Shoun's.

Baseball men who saw both contests are agreed that Walters' game was far superior to Shoun's. While the Braves were teeing off most of the day on the former Cardinal and Cub southpaw and hitting the ball solidly, they were unable to do half as much with the stuff Walters was feeding them. The only safety off Bucky was a scratch single by that ferocious slugger, Connie Ryan, who broke his bat on a curve ball and rolled it meekly down to third, hot-footing the throw to first with the speed of a Nazi running from the Red Army.

As far as the record books go, Shoun is down there with a no-hitter and Bucky merely has one of the many, many almost-but-not-quite games to his credit.

How would you account for the classics of Tobin and Shoun? Outside of luck, of which, as we said before, there was much, there is the business of the general batting weakness of the clubs they pitched against. When Tobin twirled his game against the Dodgers they were stumbling around like bar-room drunks. There were only two men on the team who were hitting the sizes of their hats at the time—Dixie Walker and Augie Galan. The others were taking money under false pretenses.

With this situation existing, Tobin was able to relax in spots, saving up for the tougher boys. When a pitcher has to bear down all the way he's bound to give sooner or later. The pressure mounts with each pitch and with each inning.

But with the team such as the Dodgers were that week, much of the pressure was taken off. Olmo, Owen, Hart, English and Ostermuller were easy pickings that day and even our aged Dave Farrell could have won the ball game.

As for Shoun's game, well, nobody has ever spoken of the Braves and the Yanks in the same breath. Not even in the good years, let alone a season like this when outside of Tommy Holmes and Charley Workman they have a bunch of guys who fear for their lives when they amble up to the plate. The Braves have been shut out more times this season than any other team in the majors. In this series with the Reds, they were blanked twice, amassing exactly one hit in both games.

Thus, it is obvious that Shoun didn't have the same kind of opposition other no-hit pitchers faced.

Be it as it may, however, the fact of the matter is that the names of Tobin and Shoun are alongside those of Mathewson, Johnson, Hubbell and the others and if we could get up there we'd even pitch against Richard, Menasher, No-nose and the rest of the gang.

Owen in Durocher's Doghouse Again; Walker, Olmo Hitting

By PHIL GORDON

Leo Durocher, who has a dog house big enough to give free room and board to an army, has his latest tenant. It's none other than Mickey Owen, the hustling catcher. Mickey has been on the bench these past

four days and the story is that Durocher put him there because of a bad pitch Mickey called for in the night game against the Cardinals the other day. With the bases loaded and Stan Musial at the plate, Owen called upon pitcher Hal Gregg to throw a slow one up there. Gregg did and Musial promptly belted it into deep right center for three bases, three runs and the ball game.

As penance, Mickey is watching Bobby Bragan work behind the plate while Leo sulks around the dugout a few feet away.

Bragan has always been able to hit—he got himself a perfect day against the Cubs Tuesday with a double, two singles and a walk in four trips to the plate. And if his receiving holds up Owen may be on the bench a longer time than anyone anticipated.

The Dodgers and Cubs were sup-

posed to have pulled some sort of a trade but it seems to have fallen through. 'Twould be nice to get Looie Novikoff in Ebbets Field, wouldn't it? . . . Dixie Walker is continuing to hit—leading both leagues with .425—and Luis Olmo, back in center field, is also hitting again with an average of .317. Little Frenchy Bordagary is doing O. K. too with the hickory. He's hitting all of .349 and is fourth in the league. Ahead of no less a personage than Stanley Musial, of the St. Louis Musials.

Another No-Hitter

MORRISTOWN, N. J., May 17.—Lloyd MacDonald, right-handed pitcher for the Morristown Prep School nine, hurled a no-hit 3-1 game against Carteret Academy striking out eleven men and walking two.

Grove Blanks Yankees for White Sox, 4-0

The White Sox took their second straight game from the Yankees at the Stadium yesterday when their veteran ace, Orvil Grove, twirled a neat five hit shutout, winning 4-0. Lefty Joe Page pitched a good game for the Yanks but Grove's was better. The Sox cutie never threw two consecutive balls in the same place. He mixed up a fast one with curves and slow stuff and had the Yanks eating out of his hands. The McCarthymen didn't get a safety until the fifth inning when Nick Etten rapped a single into right.

The Sox had two big innings, tallying two in the second and two in the third to put the game on ice. In that second frame, rookie Ed Carnett walked to start. Tony Cuccinello and Jimmy Webb followed with singles to right that brought in Carnett. This was followed by walks to Mike Tresh and Wally Moses and Cuccinello trotted across.

In the next inning Hal Trosky rammed his fourth homer of the year, a drive into the right field stands. Carnett was hit by a pitched ball immediately after then, when Cuccinello singled to center Johnny Lindell made as wild a heave as the Stadium has ever seen, sending Carnett over the plate all the way from first. Lindell's throw from center bounced over the Yankee dugout and went into the stands. It was simply gorgeous.

It was the first shutout of the year for the Yanks. They were last blanked on Sept. 9, 1943. Rollie Hemsley batted in his 10th straight game and Snuffy Stirrweiss in his eighth.

— May Be McCarthy's Sixth

Savage Shaping Up As Rookie of Year

By C. E. DEXTER

While clever Orvil Grove was spinning a spider's web around Yankee bats yesterday to hang up a 4-0 shutout for the White Sox, Don Savage, like the rest of his teammates, didn't have a chance to shine.

But tall Donald is going to shine a great deal before the season is out and if present indications are to be trusted, the Yankees are going to wind up with the Most Valuable Rookie of the Year for the sixth time since Joe McCarthy took over in 1930.

At the moment, Savage, the Newark alumnus, is getting plenty of competition from Gilberto Torres, the Latin third baseman of the Washington Senators and Brooklyn own Latin, Louis Olmo.

Outside of these two, however, Savage has the field all to himself as Billy Johnson had it last year. Before Johnson there was Scooter Rizzuto at short, Tommy Henrich in right field and the great Joe Dimaggio in center field.

All of which highlights the particular genius of the Yankee boss for developing young stars.

His latest youngster, Savage, is hitting a robust .341, second on the club only to Nick Etten's .348. A free swinging young man, Savage will strike out with men on the bases a good many times. But he'll more often than not send the ball riding or extra base hits as his two recent homers attest.

While he is not yet a Billy Johnson, he is nevertheless well on the way to establishing himself as one of the key hot sackers in the business. He can come in fast for bunts and will throw line drives to Nick Etten's anxious glove at first. He has a little trouble going backward

Giants Bid for No-Hit Artist

NEW ORLEANS, May 17.—Richard Callahan, 19-year-old right-hander of the Holy Cross Tigers, wound up his prep league career by whipping Peters High School 6 to 1 with several big league scouts watching.

The win gave the Irish strong boy a record of 8 wins against no defeats this season, including two no-hitters within a week earlier in the season. His record for the last three seasons is 29 wins and 2 defeats.

Games Today

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Chicago at New York (3:30 p.m.).
St. Louis at Boston.
Detroit at Philadelphia.
Cleveland at Washington (night).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
New York at Chicago.
Brooklyn at Pittsburgh.
Philadelphia at Cincinnati (night).
Boston at St. Louis (night).

RADIO

11 A.M. TO NOON

11:00-WEAF—Road of Life
WOR—News—Tro Harper
WJZ—Breakfast With Breneman
WABC—Honeydew Hill
WQXR—Talk—Alma Dettinger
11:15-WEAF—Vic and Sids
WOR—Talks and Music
WABC—Second Husband
11:30-WEAF—Brave Tomorrow
WJZ—News; Baby Institute
WABC—Bright Horizon
11:45-WEAF—David Harum
WOR—Tobe's Topics—Talk
WABC—Aunt Jenny's Stories

NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00-WEAF—News Reports
WJZ—Dr. Francis C. Stifer
WABC—News; Kate Smith's Chat
12:15-WEAF—Rhyme and Rhythm
WOR—Mealtime Melodies
WJZ—Correspondents Abroad
WABC—Big Easter
12:25-WEAF—News; Farm-Home Hour
12:30-WEAF—Sky High; Variety Show
WOR—News; Juke Box
WABC—Helen Trent
12:45-WEAF—Our Gal Sunday
1:00-WEAF—Mary Margaret McBride
WOR—News; Jack Berch, Songs
WJZ—H. R. Baukhage, News
WABC—Life Can Be Beautiful
1:15-WJZ—Women's Exchange Show
WABC—Ma Perkins
1:30-WOR—Let's Be Charming
WABC—Bernardine Flynn, News
1:45-WEAF—Morgan Beatty, News
WJZ—Little Jack Little, Songs
WABC—The Goldbergs

2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00-WEAF—The Guiding Light
WOR—Martha Deane Program
WJZ—News Comments
WABC—Portia Faces Life
2:15-WEAF—Today's Children
WJZ—The Mystery Chef
WABC—Joyce Jordan
2:30-WEAF—Light of the World
WOR—News; Consumer Quis
WJZ—Ed East and Polly
WABC—Young Dr. Malone
WABC—News; Recorded Music
2:45-WEAF—Betty Crocker—Talk
WOR—Perry Mason
3:00-WEAF—A Woman of America
WJZ—The Black Castle
WABC—Morton Downey, Songs
WABC—Mary Martin
3:15-WEAF—Ma Perkins
WOR—Sunny Skylar, Songs
WJZ—Appointment With Life
WABC—News—Bob Trout
WABC—Broadway—Ethel Colby
3:30-WEAF—Pepper Young
WOR—Dr. Eddy's Food Forum
WABC—Now and Forever
WNYC—Treasury Star Parade
3:45-WEAF—Right to Happiness
WJZ—Ethel and Albert
WABC—This Life Is Mine
4:00-WEAF—Backstage Wife
WOR—John Gambling—Talk
WJZ—Blue Frolics, Variety
WABC—Broadway Matinee
4:15-WEAF—Stella Dallas
4:25-WABC—News; Recorded Music
4:30-WEAF—Lorenzo Jones
WOR—Full Speed Ahead
WJZ—News—Doug Browning
4:45-WEAF—Young Wilder Brown
WJZ—The Sea Hound
WABC—Raymond Scott Orchestra

Radio Concerts

6:15-6:35 P.M. WLIE—Great Classics
6:35-6:40 P.M. WEAF (also FM)—Concert Orchestra
7:00-8 P.M. WNYC (also FM)—Masterwork Hour
8-9 P.M. WQXR (also FM)—Symphony

5:00-WEAF—When a Girl Marries
WOR—Uncle Don
WJZ—Top Harrigan
WABC—Eddie Dunn Show
WQXR—Pablo Casals, Cello
5:15-WEAF—We Love and Learn
WOR—Archie Andrews
WJZ—Dick Tracy
WQXR—E. M. Sternberger, News
5:30-WEAF—Just Plain Bill
WJZ—Chick Carter
WABC—Jack Armstrong
WABC—Burt Ives, Songs
5:45-WEAF—Front Page Farrell
WOR—Superman
WJZ—Captain Midnight
WABC—American Women
WQXR—Man About Town

6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

6:00-WEAF—News Reports
WOR—Sydney Moseley, News
WJZ—News; John B. Kennedy
WABC—News; Ned Calmer
WMCA—News; Music; Talk
6:15-WEAF—Concert Orchestra
WOR—Imogen Carpenter, Songs
WJZ—Terry and the Pirates
WABC—Sports—Ted Husing
6:30-WOR—News—Frank Singiser
WJZ—Whose War Is This?
WABC—Jeri Sullivan, Songs
WMCA—World News Round-up
6:40-WEAF—Sports—Bill Stern
6:45-WEAF—Lowell Thomas
WOR—Sports, Stan Lomax
WJZ—Henry J. Taylor, News
WABC—The World Today, News
WMCA—Sports—Steve Ellis
6:55-WABC—Joseph C. Harach, News
7:00-WEAF—Fred Waring Orchestra
WOR—Fulton Lewis, Jr., News
WJZ—Kelly's Courthouse
WABC—I Love a Mystery
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
WQXR—Lisa Sergio, News
7:15-WEAF—News; Robert St. John
WOR—Victory Is Our Business
WABC—Passing Parade
WMCA—Five-Star Final
7:30-WEAF—Bob Burns, Comedy
WOR—Arthur Hale, News
WJZ—Diane, the Jesters, Songs
WABC—Mr. Kean
WMCA—Johannes Steel, News
7:45-WOR—The Answer Man
WJZ—Stopak Orchestra
8:00-WEAF—Fanny Brice, Comedy
WOR—Frank Singiser, News
WJZ—News Comments
WABC—Suspense—Play
8:15-WOR—The Smoothies, Songs
WJZ—Lum and Abner
8:30-WEAF—The Aldrich Family
WOR—The Better Half—Quis
WJZ—Town Meeting
WABC—Death Valley Days
WMCA—Shaping of the Future—Sumner Welles, at Times Hall
8:55-WABC—Bill Henry, News

9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00-WEAF—Music Hall, Bing Crosby
WOR—Gabriel Heatter, News
WABC—Major Bowes Amateurs
WQXR—World-Wide News
9:15-WOR—Return of Nick Carter
WABC—Richard Eaton—Talk
WQXR—Everyman's Reader

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Literary Lookout

Plea for Liberty by M. Bernanos,
Published by Pantheon Books

By Samuel Putnam

I do not know how many of my readers are acquainted with M. Georges Bernanos, whose *Plea for Liberty*, consisting of Letters to the English, the Americans, the Europeans has just been published by Pantheon Books, Inc. It seems to me that those who do not know him but who are concerned with the various currents of anti-fascist thinking among Frenchmen of today might do well to make his acquaintance; for he undoubtedly represents one of the elements which will have to be taken into consideration in the shaping of a new France.

M. Bernanos is a most unusual person. A devout Catholic and a former royalist (I am not quite clear as to whether he still is or not), he belongs to that tradition of liberal thought within the Church which runs from Pascal down to Jacques Maritain. His position, however, is not the same as that of Maritain, with whom he disagrees on a number of points.

A novelist by trade—three or four of his books have been published in English—he was in Majorca when the Franco rebellion broke out in Spain; and despite the fact that one of his own misguided sons was a Falangist, he published a book, in 1938, which contains a bitter indictment of Franco's "white terror" and of the principle of rule by terror in general. The very title of this volume, *The Great Cemeteries Under the Moon*, is an eloquent description of the effects of fascism. The author was fervent in his condemnation of the "delirious strong-boxes" (the "two hundred families" and their kind) that could only look to a reign of terror to save them.

When Munich came, M. Ber-

nanos was so righteously indignant that he shook the dust of France from his feet and fled to the heart of the Brazilian jungle to think things out for himself—and for the world, as is indicated by the scope of *Plea for Liberty*. He now has a son fighting for Free France, and it is to him that he dedicates these stormy meditations.

For M. Bernanos' prose is something like a Niagara Falls in print. It is thunderous, overwhelming, magnificent in its passionate tumult and swirl—but in the end, I am afraid, not much more intelligible than Niagara!

The author obviously has a deep-seated hatred of tyranny and oppression. He loathes the Hitler of the world, full-size and pint-size, with all his soul. He has the clarity of vision to perceive that the Soviet Union is not a "totalitarian" state like Hitler's Germany, but it is plain that he none the less has accepted some of the worst slanders against it. And down under all his gorgeous verbiage is a lurking fear, scarcely put into words, of a Communist after-war Europe.

It is this fear which, as I see it, constitutes the gravest peril from the quarter represented by M. Bernanos.

The latter's ideology is in general confused. The word democracy is no longer a good enough word; he wants a new one, although what it is to be he does not tell us. He will accept the old Liberty and Fraternity, but would substitute "charity" for equality. He would abolish the "dictatorship of profit," but does not say what is to take its place, unless it be an extremely vague set of Christian principles.

If M. Bernanos believes in the people, as he says he does, then why not leave it to them to decide?

Carver School in Celebration

The George Washington Carver School is cooperating in a big way with the national celebration of I am an American Day. A Folk Festival with the theme Forward as One Nation will be held under its auspices at the Golden Gate Ballroom, 142d St. and Lenox Ave. on Sunday, May 21 at 3 p.m.

Recognizing the great variety of national and racial groups living in New York City, this people's institute is taking this opportunity to present a positive statement of the cultural achievements of the American people with the Negro as a prominent contributor. This festival will thus make a broad demonstration of the melting pot character of America and show how all her cultural heritages from other countries throughout the world have been fused to form the basis for one great national culture.

An exciting array of stars from various cultural groups will be featured. Among the big names participating in this effort furthering national unity are: the Hall Johnson Choir, the Chinese People's Chorus with Liu Liang-Mo, Jimmy Savo, Pearl Primus, and Mary Lou Williams. Teddy Wilson, representing the Negro's contribution of jazz music, will have the well known saxophonist Ben Webster and the king of the drums, Sidney Catlett, playing with him. The Finnish, Haitian, Russian, Spanish speaking and Czechoslovakian peoples will be ably represented by singers and dancers of these countries demonstrating people's culture. Aubrey Pankey, from the concert field, will sing songs of South America, and Jane Dudley of the Martha Graham dancers will present her famous hillbilly interpretive dance, "Harmonica Breakdown."

The key speaker will be Miss Gene Weltfish, co-author of the much discussed pamphlet "Races of Man-kind." Dr. Max Yergan, chairman of the school's Board of Directors, will give a report from the school to the community.

At Garden Meeting



Bernie Hern, whose satire on the Military Analyst has delighted audiences of no less than a quarter of a million people since he first presented it at the Lenin Memorial meeting last year, will appear in a new role in the revue at the Public Session of the National Communist Convention next Tuesday evening at Madison Square Garden.

Thursday Calendar

FILM OPENING

Newsreel of Father Orlemanski talking about his accomplishments in the Soviet Union starts today at the City Theatre, 14 St. It will play for one week.

PLAY OPENING

Dream With Music—at the Majestic Theatre. Musical comedy; book by Dorothy Kilgallen, Sidney Sheldon, and Ben Roberts; songs by Clay Warnick and Edward Eager. In the cast are Vera Zorina, Ronald Graham, Joy Hodges and Betty Allen.

DANCE

Ballet Theatre — Metropolitan Opera House — Syphides, Fancy Free, Pas de Deux, Helen of Troy.

MOTION PICTURES

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Batista Address on Air Saturday

NBC International will help celebrate Cuban Independence Day this Saturday, May 20, 10:30 p.m., with a special broadcast featuring an address by President Fulgencio Batista, speaking in Spanish from Havana. The program will be beamed to Latin America.

In addition to the talk by Presi-

dent Batista, there will be appropriate musical selections from NBO in New York. Jorge Bolet, pianist, and Rosario Orellana, soprano, will be heard with the NBC Orchestra under the direction of Emilio de Torre. Eusebia Cosme will recite Cuban poetry memorializing the day of Cuban Independence.

Show Business Nets AWVS \$10,000

The Hollywood premiere at Grauman's Chinese Theatre of *Show Business*, RKO Radio's musical with which Eddie Cantor makes his bow as a film producer, was attended by such movie stars as Bob Hope, Lana Turner, Edgar Bergen, Ray Milland, Lucille Ball, Merle Oberon, Claire Trevor, Edward G. Robinson, Toumanova, Joan Davis.

As a result of the sponsorship of the premiere by AWVS the event netted \$10,000 for a rehabilitation fund for the wounded soldiers at Birmingham Hospital.

Battle-wounded veterans from this hospital each accompanied by a beautiful starlet arrived in special Red Cross cars. Lieutenant Rudy Vallee and his Coast Guard Band helped enliven festivities with music in the forecourt of the theatre and a stage concert preceding the picture's showing.

NMU to Exhibit Seamen's Paintings

An exhibition of 155 paintings and drawings by 80 active merchant seamen, 61 of whom never before had touched a brush, will be a special feature of National Maritime Day ceremonies to be held Monday afternoon, May 22, at the National Maritime Union, 346 W. 17th St.

Red Skelton to Army

Comedian Red Skelton will be Private Richard Skelton May 25.

The NBC comedian, who will be 31 July 18, received instructions from his draft board over the weekend to report to Fort MacArthur on May 25 for induction into the U.S. Army.

Camp scenes will be no strange sight to Red Skelton, who has staged more than 1,000 shows for all branches of the service.

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Late Bulletins

Murray Flays Union Bias

CHICAGO, May 17.—Unions that practice discrimination were put in the same class with Nazis by CIO President Philip Murray today as he opened the fourth biennial convention of the CIO United Transport Service Employees.

Bulgarian Sailors Mutiny

The British radio said Wednesday that sailors in the Bulgarian Navy, inspired by the Soviet liberation of the Crimea, had mutinied a few days ago in a Black Sea port.

The mutiny was suppressed by German occupation authorities, the British reported, but a "great uneasiness" over the military and political situation is spreading among the Bulgarian people.

The broadcast, quoting Turkish sources and recorded in New York by the CBS shortwave listening post, said Bulgarian trade union leaders have been meeting "almost daily" to consider the situation and have urged the government to change its policy "before it is too late."

Air Assaults Continue in Marshalls

WASHINGTON, May 17 (UP).—Navy and Marine fliers maintained their aerial assaults on remaining Japanese bases in the Marshall Islands on Monday with day and night attacks, the Navy announced today. Fuel storage facilities, runways, and buildings were hit.

Sink 2 U-Boats; Capture Survivors

LONDON, May 17 (UP).—Four American-built frigates of the first escort group of the British Navy sank two German submarines in the North Atlantic in March, capturing survivors from each, the Admiralty announced tonight. One frigate was lost in the action.

Chinese Trapping Foe in Burma

SOUTHEAST ASIA HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon, May 17 (UP).—Jungle-trained Chinese troops of Lt. Gen. Joseph Stilwell's command cut the main Mogaung Valley road behind the Japanese defending Malakawng in northern Burma, a communique announced today, and left enemy troops but one avenue of escape—the wide, shallow Mogaung River.

Yanks Blanked, Giants Win 10-6

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Boston.....100 000 40x—5 7 0		Feldman, Pyle (3), Adams (7) and Lombardi; Wyse, Vandenberg (6), Fleming (7), Erickson (7), Burrow (8) and Kreitner.	
Munciel, West (8) and Mancuso; Hughson and Wagner.		Philadelphia.....030 100 01—5 10 2	
Chicago.....022 000 000—4 3 0		Cincinnati.....001 030 11—4 10 0	
NEW YORK.....000 000 000—0 5 0		Lee, Covington (8), Donahue (8) and Finley; De la Cruz, Malloy (5) and Mueller.	
Grove and Fresh; Page, Turner (9) and Hemsley.		Boston.....002 000 210—5 11 1	
(Second game)		St. Louis.....000 100 000—1 5 2	
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Boston.....001 103 030—8 15 4		Donnelly (7), Wilks (8) and W. Cooper.	

First Dust, Then Shells, Now Rubble—In the Town of Scauri

By JAMES E. ROPER

WITH FIFTH ARMY FORCES IN A TOWN ON HIGHWAY SEVEN WEST OF SCAURI, Italy, May 17 (UP).—American troops today drove into this town with almost no opposition but a thunderous German artillery barrage lasting at least three hours held up consolidation of the position and employment of tanks for the smash through the town.

The Germans used everything up to and including 170 millimeter guns to break up the column of Sherman tanks rumbling toward the outskirts of this town. Infantry moved into the town, wiping up the few stragglers with tommyguns and grenades.

With engineers Capt. Harold Zier, Davenport, Wash., I "jeeped" westward from Scauri (five miles east of Formia) along a good road, weaving in and out among the big Sher-

mans which were flanked by single-filed infantrymen walking toward the town.

NAZIS OPEN BARRAGE

The tanks halted and our jeep continued into the town. We could see in the dusty road the peculiar tread marks from tires of German anti-tank guns.

Suddenly the earth shuddered with a series of terrific blasts as the German artillery barrage began.

The rest of this dispatch will have to be ear-witness instead of eye-witness because Zier and I were pinned down in a wrecked house for three hours by what must have been the enemy's maximum artillery effort.

When the shelling died down, we started from the town but now the road, instead of being smooth and comparatively unobstructed, was scarred by shells and splattered with dirt and debris.

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French, American troops, slashing past the Gustav Line, have now reached the Nazi's most formidable defenses, and the last enemy-fortified belt outside of the Anzio beachhead. The six-day offensive has isolated Cassino and the combined Allied forces are now poised for a plunge into the Liri Valley.

—Daily Worker Map by Low.

The Veteran Commander

THE 'HITLER' LINE

THE maps in the newspapers bravely give the exact outline of that famous "Hitler" line in Italy. According to some of the mapmakers it runs from Piedimonte (north of that point the line on the maps becomes somewhat vague) west to Aquino and from there to Pontecorvo, curving back to Esperia and hence to Formia on the Gulf of Gaeta.

Frankly, this tracing of the main line of German resistance does not look convincing to us. Firstly, it is doubtful whether the forward ("Gustav") line and the main ("Hitler") line were built so close together, giving a depth of only a few miles to the defense zone of the enemy. Secondly, it is hardly probable that the main line was built by the Germans to protect such a secondary lateral highway as the road from Aquino to Esperia. It is much more probable that it was built to cover the main lateral line of communications running through Pescara to Avezzano, Tivoli and Rome and is based in the center on the network of drainage canals east of Avezzano which appears to be the hub of the German defense.

Furthermore, the building of a main line of fortifications on the highest mountain points has its limitations. For instance, rough mountains hamper the concentration of fire power which is that most valuable asset of a defense position, often called "fire-maneuver." It consists, basically, in the ability to concentrate on a single sector the fire of batteries scattered along a number of sectors. Mountains hamper such concentration of fire.

Thus it seems to us that Allied troops (especially the French) having made fair progress during the first five days of the offensive, have nowhere reached the German main defenses yet. This is what prompted General Alexander to say that "much slower progress" is to be expected from now on.

THE weather over Europe is reported bad, as far as bombing is concerned anyway (this does not necessarily mean that it is bad for land operations). In any case, a long spell of good weather has slipped by without being exploited on land. This is regrettable, especially so because it is giving the Germans a chance to put their house in order somewhat after the great raids of April 7-May 10.

THE Red Army is marking time, waiting for its Allies to strike. The Soviet Air Force, meanwhile, continues its forays against points of enemy troop concentrations.

THE Japanese have started a new little offensive in western Burma. This stab appears aimed at the port and railhead of Chittagong. The situation in Manipur remains far from clear. We still don't know officially in whose hands Kohima is, for instance.

On the new Salween front Chinese troops are making good progress. They have forced their way across Mamién Pass to the Shweli River and their vanguards are now only 70 miles from the British native troops advancing from Supabum to Myitkyina (these troops have reached Waza). Some 40 miles to the west of these British troops, General Stilwell's Chinese troops are advancing along a parallel line and have reached Warang. The junction of these three forces somewhere near Myitkyina would mean no less an achievement than the clearing of the future right-of-way of the new Burma Road.

Chinese resistance in Honan has stiffened, but the situation remains critical.

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